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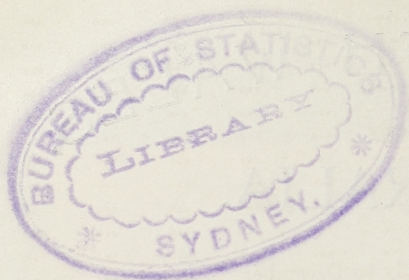


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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The Oversea imports during December were valued at £2,543,838, and show a decrease of £271,965, or 9·6 per cent., as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The total for six months, July to December, 1917, was £14,262,041 a decrease of £4,267,873, or 23·3 per cent., in comparison with the corresponding period in 1916.

Imports at Sydney.—Excluding the value of the imports from State ports, the articles imported at the port of Sydney in December were valued at £4,191,723. The following is a summary of the imports during the month:—

	Weight and Measurement.	Value.
	tons.	£
Imports Oversea	79,932	2,499,4 22
„ Interstate	56,371	1,692,306
„ From State Ports	145,539	Not available.
Transhipments—		
Oversea... ..	16,865	„
Interstate	17,206	„
To State Ports	6,196	„

A few special articles, denoted by number in the detailed table within, have been converted into weight or measurement, and are included in the above statement. During the six months ended December, 1917, the overseas imports were valued at £14,048,836 and the interstate imports at £6,935,459, the total of the two being £20,984,295.

Public Finances.—The Public Accounts for December show that the net revenue for the month was £1,744,475 or £259,334 more than in December of last year—an increase of 17·5 per cent. During the six months ended 31st December the revenue was £8,809,875, being £75,592 or ·9 per cent. less than in the corresponding period of the last financial year.

Principal increases during the six months were— £

From Public Lands	55,301
Water and Sewerage Rates	59,622

Principal decreases during the same period were—

From Taxation	95,117
„ Railways and Tramways	104,225
„ Forestry Revenue... ..	3,494

The expenditure during December was £1,354,103, a decrease of £57,798 or 4 per cent., as compared with December of last year. During the six months ended 31st December the expenditure was £9,947,852, being £42,623 less than in 1916-17.

Principal increases during the six months were— £

Government Departments	...	...	67,772
Interest Repayments	...	...	144,135

Principal decrease during the same period was—

Business Undertakings	254,530
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On the 31st December, 1917, the Consolidated Revenue Account was in debit to the amount of £2,063,900.

Gold Production.—The gold yield during December was 4,697 oz. crude equal to 4,358 oz. fine, valued at £18,511, and showed a decrease of 21,872 oz. fine, and £92,905 in value, compared with December of last year. The value of gold produced during the year 1917 was £349,038, and showed a decrease of 25,974 oz. fine, and £110,332 in value, in the figures for 1916.

Banks.—The principal features disclosed in the banking averages for the quarter ended 31st December are notable decreases both in current account deposits and in cash held, together with a fair expansion in advances. Compared with the fourth quarter of 1916 there was a decrease of £6,766,452 in current accounts, and in the total deposits of £4,545,402. Reserves of coin and bullion decreased by £923,801 during the year, and by £186,512 during the quarter. Advances increased during the year by £3,339,370, and during the quarter by £1,299,979. The proportion of cash, bullion, and notes to total liabilities now stands at 26·6 per cent., and indicates a firm position. Included in the cash held is an amount of £9,345,552 Government notes, which are now the currency of the State, as against £12,028,199 for December of the previous year.

Savings Banks.—The latest returns show that at the 30th September, 1917, there were 885,891 depositors, having £41,287,811 on deposit. This showed an increase of £451,064 in deposits during the quarter. The average amount of deposit was £46 12s. 1d. per depositor, or £22 per head of population.

Railways.—The report on Railways for the quarter ended 31st December, 1917, shows that in comparison with the corresponding quarter of last year, the earnings increased by £426,416, and the expenditure by £93,522. During the period there was an increase of 333,575 train miles run, but the number of passengers carried decreased by 833,393. Relatively the earnings increased by 1s. 1¼d. and the expenditure decreased by ¾d. per train mile.

The total earnings of all lines of Tramways, during the quarter, amounted to £518,607, and the working expenses to £421,592, leaving a surplus of £97,015.

Manufacturing Industries.—The returns of manufactories and works in the State show that the number of establishments in 1916-17 increased by 123, in comparison with the figures for 1915-16, but decreased by 13 since 1913. The total number of persons employed was 117,732, of whom 88,698 were males and 29,034 females, and exhibits a total increase of 1331, or 1·1 per cent., compared with the previous year's

figures. There was an increase of salaries and wages paid to employees (excluding working proprietors), amounting to £782,762, or 5·8 per cent., the total for 1916-17 being £14,196,607, as against £13,413,845 in 1915-16. The average wages paid in 1916-17 were £124 16s. 9d. as compared with £119 5s. 11d. in 1915-16. Of the total wages disbursed in 1916-17, males received £12,546,052, and females £1,650,555, the average for males being £147 12s. 3d., and for females £57 9s. 1d. The plant and machinery in use were valued at £19,372,430 or £1,161,326 in excess of the figures for 1915-16; and the value of land and buildings used in connection with the factories was estimated at £19,293,567, an expansion of £1,523,050, or 8·6 per cent.

Postal Communication.—The figures for 1916-17 show that 259,185,729 letters and post cards were carried during the year. This represents the very high proportion of 139 per head of population. The number of post offices was 2,588, which represents on the average one post office to every 720 of the population.

Cost of Living, Sydney.—From the information collected each month (see Table 54, as to the retail prices in Sydney of food and groceries), it appears that in December, 1917, prices were 35·9 per cent. higher than in July, 1914; 3·7 per cent. higher than in December, 1916; and 1·4 per cent. lower than in the preceding month, November, 1917.

Meat, which is included in the results quoted above, shows prices in December, 1917, 74·8 per cent. higher than in July, 1914; 7·2 per cent. higher than in December, 1916; and 3·7 per cent. lower than in November, 1917. Meat prices again showed a decline of about a half-penny per pound. Flour, sago, soap, eggs, bacon, and ham were dearer than in November, while potatoes, onions, and cheese were cheaper.

The following is a statement of the price levels since July, 1914, the levels for which were taken as base and called 100 :—

Month.	Meat.	Other Food and Groceries.	Meat, other Food and Groceries combined.
July, 1914.....	100	100	100
Dec., 1915.....	153·5	121·8	131·0
„ 1916.....	163·1	119·9	131·0
July, 1917.....	162·5	121·6	132·1
August, „	182·7	122·6	138·1
Sept., „	193·4	122·8	141·0
Oct., „	189·5	123·5	140·5
Nov., „	181·5	122·5	137·7
Dec., „	174·8	122·3	135·9

Land Selections.—During December, 42 applications were made for 18,297 acres under the Crown Lands Act; and 35,666 acres, representing 56 blocks, were gazetted for residential settlement, which include areas set apart for returned soldiers. Since the beginning of the year the number of applications has been 1,034, and the area applied for 508,098 acres. The original area gazetted for residential settlement since the 1st January is 767,348 acres, representing 1,619 blocks.

Meteorology.—Extensive areas of the north-eastern half of New South Wales received rain in excess of the average during the month of December, the largest total being recorded on the north-eastern and central northern border districts, but over other parts of the State the falls generally were light.

At a few stations temperatures exceeding 100 degrees were registered, but on the whole the weather experienced was mild to warm and seasonable.

During the year 1917 the State was favoured with bountiful rains to such an extent that, with the exception of minor deficiencies on important sections of the coastal area, the total amounts received throughout were above the average. In comparing mean rainfall in seasons, the records show that Spring was exceptionally wet, while Summer, Winter and Autumn were less so in the order named. The largest discrepancies, as compared with the general average, occurred in the Winter months over the coastal districts generally, but in the second half of the year the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers, and similarly the North Coast rivers were subject to prolonged flooding.

Vital Statistics—Sydney and Suburbs—December, 1917.—The births registered numbered 1,485, equal to 23·32 per 1,000 of population; of the total, 762 were males and 723 females. The rate is unsatisfactory, as it is 17 per cent. below the average of the previous five years.

The deaths numbered 613, namely, 331 males and 282 females, equal to a rate of 9·63 per 1,000 of population. The mortality rate is very satisfactory, being 16 per cent. below the average of the previous five years. The deaths were below the average in all age-groups except “65 and over.”

The infantile mortality was 67·3 per 1,000 births, being 31 per cent. below the average for the month of December for the previous five years.

New Buildings—Metropolis.—According to returns supplied by the several Town Clerks there were erected, in the Metropolitan area, during December, 195 new buildings, as compared with 279 in December, 1916.

The total for the twelve months, January to December, was 4,811, as compared with 5,051 during 1916, showing a decrease of 240 for the year. During 1917 the largest number of houses was erected at Randwick (522), followed by Canterbury (446), Waverley (322), Willoughby (277), Ashfield (261), Kuring-gai-Shire (210), Rockdale (209), and Kogarah (201). In the preceding year the highest totals were Randwick (555), Canterbury (541), Waverley (332), Willoughby (243), Rockdale (239), Marrickville (212), Ashfield (208), and Kogarah (203).

Wheat estimate, 1917-18. See Table No. 63.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1906	779,666	718,943	1,498,609	29,456	2'00	1,484,600
1907	795,635	736,345	1,531,980	33,371	2'23	1,517,900
1908	809,240	750,786	1,560,026	28,046	1'88	1,545,700
1909	829,329	767,356	1,596,685	36,659	2'35	1,577,200
1910	852,680	785,540	1,638,220	41,535	2'60	1,616,200
1911	889,391	809,345	1,698,736*	62,240*	3'80	1,664,500*
1912	935,979	842,983	1,778,962	80,226	4'72	1,738,600
1913	962,749	869,707	1,832,456	53,494	3'01	1,809,400
1914	967,033	894,995	1,862,028	29,572	1'61	1,853,400
1915	953,162	917,253	1,870,415	8,387	'45	1,868,200
1916	923,113	934,807	1,857,920	(-) 12,495	(-) '67	1,866,300
1917—31st March	921,964	939,788	1,861,752	...	...	...
„ 30th June	921,566	945,890	1,867,456	...	...	...
„ 30th September	925,493	949,852	1,875,345	...	...	...

The population includes Aborigines of full-blood, viz., 2,012, of whom 1,152 are males and 860 females.

* The population since 1st January, 1911, is exclusive of Federal Capital Area, the population of which at the Census on 2nd April was 1,724, of whom 997 were males and 727 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Population.			Infantile Mortality.
				Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Deaths under one year per 1,000 Births.
1905	39,501	14,978	10,970	27'15	10'30	7'54	80'55
1906	40,948	14,975	11,551	27'58	10'09	7'78	74'53
1907	42,195	16,410	12,189	27'80	10'81	8'03	88'64
1908	42,525	16,090	12,642	27'51	10'41	8'18	75'79
1909	43,769	15,840	13,048	27'75	10'04	8'27	74'28
1910	45,533	16,191	14,294	28'17	10'02	8'85	74'61
1911	47,677	17,179	15,267	28'64	10'32	9'17	69'49
1912	51,993	18,886	16,664	29'90	10'86	9'58	71'30
1913	52,134	19,732	16,311	28'81	10'91	9'01	78'34
1914	53,615	18,777	17,353	28'93	10'13	9'36	69'72
1915	52,885	19,610	18,129	28'31	10'50	9'70	68'13
1916	52,075	19,854	16,320	27'90	10'64	8'74	67'84
Jan. to Sept., 1917	40,256	13,797	9,631	28'72	9'84	6'87	57'31
„ „ 1916	39,253	15,218	12,453	28'04	10'87	8'90	70'08
July to Sept., 1917	13,785	4,714	3,072	29'86	10'07	6'56	53'97
„ „ 1916	13,517	5,326	3,707	25'97	11'41	11'94	63'77

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.			Arrivals.					Departures.				
			By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
			Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1906	...	...	50,257	29,208	75,352	38,518	193,335	47,797	27,624	75,658	38,773	189,852
1907	...	...	65,684	35,441	93,152	47,061	241,338	59,731	31,017	95,323	47,681	233,752
1908	...	...	66,156	35,433	94,885	48,685	245,159	60,474	33,047	99,282	50,745	243,548
1909	...	...	69,330	36,580	96,069	48,130	250,509	59,729	32,775	98,878	50,397	241,779
1910	...	...	72,421	39,104	108,870	54,821	275,216	62,093	34,421	109,941	56,568	263,023
1911	...	...	92,269	49,398	132,988	65,470	340,125	71,308	39,987	130,745	66,343	308,383
1912	...	...	106,187	57,601	147,629	73,980	385,397	81,722	43,288	141,032	72,236	338,278
1913	...	...	92,925	53,824	156,536	77,905	381,190	81,087	44,097	156,695	78,219	360,098
1914	...	...	91,413	51,730	167,833	89,183	400,159	98,626	47,311	172,769	86,719	405,425
1915	...	...	70,586	39,512	181,874	94,081	386,053	104,215	36,979	177,764	91,983	410,941
1916	...	...	58,913	36,198	197,954	105,076	398,141	112,469	36,652	189,561	104,175	442,857
Jan. to Sept., 1917			37,398	21,801	127,008	72,552	258,759	49,739	20,140	124,976	72,938	267,793
„ 1916			46,833	28,907	141,207	77,926	294,873	83,236	27,905	141,100	77,116	329,357
July to Sept., 1917			9,442	3,818	37,153	17,314	67,777	11,123	3,231	35,860	18,745	68,959
„ 1916			13,025	7,639	41,197	21,810	83,671	21,765	7,539	40,029	20,427	89,760

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1906	113,870	48,294	5,641	16,525	9,005	193,335
1907	140,213	58,734	8,464	21,588	12,339	241,338
1908	143,570	56,582	10,537	20,612	13,858	245,159
1909	144,199	55,285	15,057	23,040	12,928	250,509
1910	163,691	58,146	16,537	22,410	14,432	275,216
1911	198,458	71,262	24,217	27,008	19,180	340,125
1912	221,609	75,872	36,925	26,696	24,295	385,397
1913	234,441	71,490	30,318	23,284	21,657	381,190
1914	257,016	75,875	19,936	25,290	22,042	400,159
1915	275,955	65,736	7,299	18,037	19,026	386,053
1916	303,030	55,423	2,721	15,065	21,902	398,141
Jan. to Sept., 1917	199,560	32,972	361	8,906	16,960	258,759
„ 1916	219,133	44,271	2,345	12,212	16,912	294,873
July to Sept., 1917	54,467	5,780	10	1,717	5,803	67,777
„ 1916	63,007	11,082	670	3,210	5,702	83,671

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1906	114,431	45,060	4,789	15,994	9,578	189,852
1907	143,004	53,333	5,176	21,201	11,038	233,752
1908	150,027	51,590	7,467	22,141	12,323	243,548
1909	149,275	54,756	6,766	17,812	13,170	241,779
1910	166,509	56,722	7,834	17,247	14,711	263,023
1911	197,088	66,922	8,837	18,593	16,943	308,383
1912	213,268	71,179	11,647	19,691	22,493	338,278
1913	234,914	68,923	13,002	20,767	22,492	360,098
1914	259,488	71,875	15,426	23,213	35,423	405,425
1915	269,747	58,811	6,506	17,927	57,950	410,941
1916	293,736	51,624	3,522	15,902	78,073	442,857
Jan. to Sept., 1917	197,914	30,140	3,346	7,025	29,368	267,793
„ 1916	218,216	40,223	3,280	11,734	55,904	329,357
July to Sept., 1917	54,605	4,042	911	1,375	8,026	68,959
„ 1916	60,456	9,825	1,235	3,269	14,975	89,760

No. 6.—Population—Metropolis.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Sydney (including Shipping).	Suburbs.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1907	112,000	465,180	577,180	17,380	3'10	568,500
1908	112,900	479,200	592,100	14,920	2'58	584,700
1909	120,660	485,240	605,900	13,800	2'33	599,000
1910	119,800	502,430	622,230	16,330	2'70	614,100
1911	118,800	538,000	656,800	34,570	5'56	639,500
1912	116,400	578,400	694,800	38,000	5'79	675,800
1913	115,900	609,500	725,400	30,600	4'40	710,100
1914	110,700	641,800	752,500	27,100	3'74	741,200
1915	104,200	658,800	763,000	10,500	1'31	757,750
1916	106,000	658,600	764,600	1,600	0'21	763,800
1917	106,000	671,300	777,300	12,700	1'66	771,000

NOTE.—The population of Ku-ring-gai Shire (14,340 on 31st December, 1916) is included above as from 1st January, 1911.

No. 7.—Vital Statistics—Metropolis.

Year.	Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Population.			Infantile Mortality.
		Total.	Under one year.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Deaths under one year per 1,000 Births.
1907	14,334	6,238	1,380	5,474	25'21	10'97	9'63	96'3
1908	14,861	6,036	1,229	5,974	25'42	10'32	10'22	82'7
1909	15,461	6,149	1,261	6,367	25'81	10'27	10'62	81'6
1910	16,204	6,365	1,329	6,931	26'39	10'36	11'29	82'0
1911	17,829	6,973	1,268	7,640	27'88	10'90	11'95	71'1
1912	20,140	7,681	1,530	8,923	29'80	11'37	13'20	76'0
1913	20,535	7,938	1,608	8,892	28'92	11'18	12'52	78'3
1914	20,821	7,603	1,452	9,479	28'09	10'26	12'79	69'7
1915	20,871	8,189	1,512	10,122	27'54	10'81	13'58	72'4
1916	20,856	8,156	1,428	9,009	27'31	10'66	11'80	68'5
1917	20,350	7,529	1,212	.....	26'39	9'77	.....	59'6
December, 1917	1,485	613	100	.....	23'32	9'63	.....	67'3
„ 1916	1,658	643	129	640	26'04	10'08	10'08	77'8

No. 8.—Health of the Metropolis—December, 1917.

In calculating the averages for previous five years, due allowance has been made for increase in population.

Particulars.				December, 1917.	Average of December, for previous five years.	Causes of Death.		December, 1917.	Average of December, for previous five years.
Births	...	...	...	1,485	1,783	Diarrhœa and Enteritis	...	73	115
Deaths	...	...	...	613	727	Diseases of the Heart	...	72	63
						Cancer	...	66	61
Illegitimate Births	...	...	...	80	123	Bright's Disease (Acute and Chronic).	...	45	44
Deaths under 1	...	...	...	100	174	Developmental Diseases of Infants.	...	39	66
„ 1-4	...	...	...	41	51	Pulmonary Diseases...	...	34	46
„ 5-64	...	...	...	286	325	Senility	...	28	31
„ 65 and over	...	...	...	186	177	Phthisis	...	27	35
Annual Rates per 1,000 of Population—						Hæmorrhage of the Brain, &c.	...	26	30
Births	...	...	...	23'32	27'98	Accident	...	22	38
Deaths	...	...	...	9'63	11'40	Epidemic Diseases	...	19	30
Illegitimate Births	...	...	...	1'26	1'93				
Deaths under 1 per 1,000 Births	...	...	...	67'3	97'6				

No. 9.—Principal Causes of Death—Nine Months, January to September—1917 and 1916.

Causes of Death.	Sydney and Suburbs.				New South Wales.			
	1917.			1916.	1917.			1916.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.
General Diseases—								
Typhoid Fever	12	8	20	61	54	26	80	179
Measles	2	2	4	11	7	10	17	59
Scarlet Fever	4	4	8	29	13	13	26	91
Whooping-cough	10	13	23	52	69	72	141	96
Diphtheria and Croup	32	36	68	106	109	109	218	284
Influenza	5	11	16	23	40	29	69	117
Dysentery	1	...	1	4	6	4	10	30
Other Epidemic Diseases...	15	3	18	18	27	16	43	38
Purulent Infection, Septicæmia ...	4	4	8	11	31	11	42	37
Tetanus	6	4	10	8	25	5	30	29
Tuberculosis—Lungs	173	112	285	316	485	293	778	873
Other Organs	20	21	41	54	51	47	98	103
General	4	2	6	12	11	6	17	26
Syphilis	23	9	32	17	33	11	44	26
Cancer	267	320	587	513	588	546	1,134	1,085
Rheumatism	10	19	29	38	37	52	89	100
Diabetes	42	53	95	55	74	95	169	155
Exophthalmic Goitre ... ..	...	10	10	5	...	16	16	12
Anæmia, Chlorosis	34	23	57	69	53	50	103	116
Other General Diseases	46	17	63	48	103	42	145	149
Local Diseases—								
Meningitis	17	11	28	51	53	31	84	117
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	15	16	31	48	45	39	84	104
Diseases of Spinal Cord	29	17	46	62	59	39	98	120
Hæmorrhage, &c., of Brain	116	126	242	239	296	262	558	559
General Paralysis of Insane	37	4	41	50	51	6	57	71
Convulsions of Infants	11	11	22	34	46	38	84	129
Other Nervous Diseases	48	41	89	113	99	87	186	247
Acute Endocarditis	27	8	35	46	46	16	62	100
Organic Diseases of Heart	327	297	624	657	911	630	1,541	1,442
Other Diseases Circulatory System	110	82	192	206	270	146	416	415
Bronchitis	77	70	147	182	227	171	398	453
Pneumonia, Broncho-pneumonia...	220	156	376	477	506	328	834	1,117
Other Diseases Respiratory System	60	42	102	90	145	94	239	206
Diseases of Stomach	25	19	44	45	64	47	111	140
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2) ...	141	104	245	335	314	221	535	861
" " (over 2)	32	37	69	73	112	102	214	242
Appendicitis	27	12	39	40	55	39	94	110
Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction	25	31	56	70	59	61	120	132
Cirrhosis of Liver... ..	37	25	62	53	73	31	104	105
Other Diseases Digestive System...	40	50	90	81	81	111	192	203
Nephritis	256	163	419	397	478	279	757	742
Other Diseases Urinary System	57	20	77	75	134	36	170	156
Diseases of Genital Organs	2	32	34	30	4	51	55	60
Puerperal Condition ... ..	...	105	105	108	...	266	266	226
Diseases of Skin, &c.	10	7	17	26	35	31	66	82
Diseases of Bones, &c.	6	6	12	4	11	9	20	10
Congenital Malformations	40	27	67	66	96	69	165	163
Diseases of Early Infancy	237	178	415	466	609	469	1,078	1,165
Senility	130	148	278	281	486	389	875	989
Violence—								
Suicide	40	15	55	75	102	26	128	163
Accident	187	55	242	225	577	170	747	727
Homicide	6	6	12	11	13	14	27	28
Wounds in Battle... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Execution	2	...	2	...	2	...	2	...
Not Classed (Open Verdict)	10	5	15	29	37	7	44	57
Ill-defined Causes	8	6	14	23	82	35	117	171
Total	3,122	2,603	5,725	6,219	7,994	5,803	13,797	15,218

Approximate Mean Annual Death-rate per 1,000 of Population—

Sydney and Suburbs.				New South Wales.			
1912-1916 .. ..	..	..	10.78	..	..	..	10.49
1917 .. ..	..	..	9.98	..	..	..	9.84

No. 10.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	18,595,804	20,860,391	39,456,195	15,880,905	32,894,073	48,774,978
1908	17,814,260	19,828,486	37,642,746	14,105,050	26,880,709	40,985,759
1909	17,146,943	20,888,019	38,034,962	15,792,608	26,044,789	41,837,397
1910	*12,623,428	23,238,993	†	*10,307,115	32,035,451	†
1911	†	27,343,428	†	†	32,161,401	†
1912	†	32,303,630	†	†	32,958,529	†
1913	†	32,350,663	†	†	32,839,789	†
(Jan. to June) 1914	†	16,677,336	†	†	15,738,313	†
1914-15	†	27,323,243	†	†	28,107,025	†
1915-16	†	33,379,698	†	†	40,975,416	†
1916-17	†	32,742,297	†			

* Information, 1st January to 13th September inclusive.

† Not available.

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Oversea Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	(+) Increase. (-) Decrease in 1917-18.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
July ...	2,897,361	3,284,693	2,814,485	2,871,984	2,334,439	(-) 537,545
August...	2,660,299	2,919,146	3,532,624	3,254,124	1,268,674	(-) 1,985,450
September	3,080,492	2,088,007	2,486,149	3,054,850	1,986,165	(-) 1,068,685
October	2,638,289	2,202,579	3,245,746	3,416,811	2,945,215	(-) 471,596
November	2,427,923	2,248,877	2,245,324	3,116,342	3,183,710	(+) 67,368
December	3,220,290	2,145,654	2,342,661	2,815,803	2,543,838	(-) 271,965
Total (6 months)	16,924,654	14,888,956	16,666,989	18,529,914	14,262,041	(-) 4,267,873

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported Oversea, Annually.

Article.	1914-15.		1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Quantity.	Value. £	Quantity.	Value. £	Quantity.	Value. £
Ale and Beer—Bottle... gal.	849,380	137,023	531,014	94,928	256,332	57,037
Bulk	98,159	8,642	13,390	1,299	175	17
Apparel and Attire ... ..	.....	802,082	.....	888,053	.....	981,342
Socks and Stockings ... ..	.....	342,932	.....	449,916	.....	425,160
Bags and Sacks—						
Bran, Chaff, &c. ... doz.	621,506	158,728	478,951	161,267	275,279	89,660
Corn and Flour	1,175,870	376,468	1,227,292	426,049	1,698,512	587,832
Woolpacks No.	1,223,680	164,577	1,090,333	155,040	968,111	141,716
Other doz.	72,814	16,067	52,875	12,018	58,626	15,057
Bags, Purses, N.E.I. ... ..	.....	77,166	.....	101,806	.....	110,975
Blankets, and Blanketing ... ..	.....	5,672	.....	55,598	.....	61,271
Books (Printed) &c. ... ..	.....	229,322	.....	223,267	.....	205,298
Boots and Shoes ... ..	.....	296,099	.....	170,350	.....	228,857
Bullion—						
Gold—Bar, Ingots, &c. oz.	76,013	299,692	121,010	489,193	49,699	198,454
Silver—Bar, Ingot, &c. oz.	9,002	991	495	53	3,539	496
Canvas and Duck ... ..	.....	123,498	.....	231,798	.....	212,911
Carpets and Carpeting ... ..	.....	140,706	.....	166,772	.....	168,422
Cement (Portland) ... cwt.	175,097	18,027	113,736	18,351	1,957	306
Clocks and Watches ... ..	.....	102,690	.....	156,507	.....	130,452
Cocoa and Chocolate ... lb.	1,723,804	124,399	2,630,858	203,732	2,221,400	181,835
Confectionery, N.E.I. lb.	2,820,069	154,855	1,616,894	77,190	1,015,290	51,577
Copper—						
Pipes and Tubes (plain) cwt.	6,119	29,956	2,948	18,432	1,807	14,600
Copra cwt.	305,645	295,030	269,728	277,827	248,247	281,417
Cordage and Twines—						
Sewing Silks, &c. ... ..	.....	180,457	.....	199,561	.....	292,916
Cosies, Cushions, &c. ... ..	.....	36,067	.....	28,474	.....	41,475
Cutlery, N.E.I. ... ..	.....	119,763	.....	127,706	.....	135,987
Drugs and Chemicals—						
Cream of Tartar ... cwt.	14,533	93,771	28,846	207,460	8,672	51,206
Other ... ..	.....	147,766	.....	161,603	.....	192,590
Earthenware, &c. ... ..	.....	111,344	.....	111,620	.....	88,382
Electrical Articles—						
Cable and Wire covered cwt.	29,666	137,979	42,882	190,946	27,974	192,222
Fancy Goods ... ..	.....	150,694	.....	161,330	.....	153,190
Fish—Preserved in tins, &c. lb.	7,427,313	238,727	10,442,557	332,568	8,616,430	308,588
Floor Cloths and Coverings ...	.....	190,167	.....	167,455	.....	206,154
Fruits, Fresh—Apples cental	56,535	59,733	64,560	70,716	44,173	55,844
Bananas	130,666	97,273	190,442	109,320	254,323	138,553
Other ... ..	.....	18,695	.....	23,222	11,490	17,731
Furniture ... ..	.....	70,441	.....	44,724	.....	25,936
Gloves ... ..	.....	78,600	.....	71,711	.....	97,747
Grain—Maize centals	357,546	133,203	1,154,634	449,949	19,547	6,951
Oats	256,038	137,584	518,755	276,428	201	110
Rice	211,818	87,935	545,111	239,974	232,232	129,282
Hats and Caps ... ..	.....	197,164	.....	224,625	.....	151,111
Hessians ... ..	.....	172,885	.....	153,930	.....	172,198
Instruments—						
Kinematographs, &c. ... ..	.....	161,663	.....	178,507	.....	261,279
Pianos No.	3,862	111,603	4,806	141,641	4,465	130,827
Parts ... ..	.....	18,070	.....	19,546	.....	31,628
Iron and Steel—						
Bar, Rod, Angle, Tee cwt.	617,364	273,818	580,650	331,143	474,982	422,261
Girders, Beams	238,426	80,865	140,792	76,037	75,348	58,165
Pig	157,004	27,253	147,620	34,497	64,379	20,435
Plate and Sheet—						
Galvanised	553,694	482,836	476,222	692,787	207,625	339,427
Not galvanised	281,034	113,618	289,949	161,305	170,064	131,743
Jewellery ... ..	.....	106,114	.....	88,892	.....	86,186
Precious stones, unset ... ..	.....	157,883	.....	154,521	.....	164,590
Leather ... ..	.....	152,803	.....	117,915	.....	213,840
Machines and Machinery—						
Agricultural ... ..	.....	208,664	.....	185,353	.....	229,760
Electrical ... ..	.....	386,487	.....	403,855	.....	410,570
Engines ... ..	.....	386,924	.....	164,700	.....	116,504
Mining ... ..	.....	29,652	.....	25,138	.....	23,234
Motive Power ... ..	.....	117,173	.....	84,558	.....	96,014

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported Oversea, Annually—*continued*.

Article.	1914-15.		1915-16.		1916-17.*	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Machines and Machinery—		£		£		£
Sewing ... ..	.....	72,423	.....	103,565	.....	109,004
Other ... ..	.....	359,037	.....	326,991	.....	883,010
Matches ... ..	.....	46,926	.....	109,423	.....	140,745
Medicines ... ..	.....	192,546	.....	208,818	.....	251,954
Metals, Manufactures—						
Pipes and Tubes ... ..	.....	291,524	.....	379,474	.....	299,080
Wire ... ..	.....	244,950	.....	256,697	.....	173,831
Wire Netting ... ..	.....	55,085	.....	15,547	.....	2,896
Miscellaneous ... ..	.....	1,103,974	.....	941,456	.....	979,111
Oils in Bulk—						
Benzine gal.	2,938,909	151,304	5,132,998	274,284	5,168,196	388,026
Benzoline, &c.	1,462,435	79,509	1,669,396	90,566	1,516,901	110,694
Kerosene	6,758,234	176,265	8,112,145	196,680	6,050,952	166,569
Lubricating Mineral	1,724,118	89,560	2,785,117	150,481	2,683,720	158,955
Paints & Colours prep'd for use cwt.	20,372	46,576	22,075	55,268	15,460	42,876
Paper—Printing ... ..	.....	370,893	.....	427,668	.....	728,682
Writing ... ..	.....	99,564	.....	129,896	.....	207,358
Piece Goods—						
Cotton, Linen ... ..	.....	1,631,126	.....	2,047,194	.....	2,534,328
Flannels ... ..	.....	7,031	.....	64,903	.....	67,704
Horsehair Cloth ... ..	.....	16,254	.....	13,707	.....	17,539
Rubbered Waterproof ... ..	.....	16,937	.....	15,381	.....	12,794
Silk ... ..	.....	648,807	.....	706,967	.....	704,941
Velvets, Velveteens ... ..	.....	254,973	.....	275,309	.....	313,289
Woollens ... ..	.....	808,476	.....	1,138,104	.....	1,296,101
N.E.I. ... ..	.....	60,437	.....	91,230	.....	195,858
Other ... ..	.....	66,801	.....	83,992	.....	103,257
Rails, Fish Plates, &c. ... ..	.....	459,205	.....	80,327	.....	11,123
Rubber Manufactures ... ..	.....	205,935	.....	536,752	.....	493,006
Specie—Bronze ... ..	.....	2	.....	Nil.	.....	207
Gold ... ..	.....	3,439	.....	2,375	.....	.....
Silver ... ..	.....	123,069	.....	4,784	.....	26,910
Spirits—Brandy, bottled gal.	52,920	48,000	10,326	10,056	25,725	26,151
„ bulk	99,086	31,293	67,083	26,090	138,826	78,624
Gin—British	61,985	17,394	55,504	16,551	59,448	23,379
Hollands, Geneva	79,360	14,012	65,611	11,872	30,188½	9,454
Schnapps	64,383	22,954	99,698	36,024	68,673	26,649
Rum—Bottled	4,053	2,356	2,932	1,790	1,241	1,299
„ Bulk	127,678	23,003	72,650	15,777	27,982	10,097
Whisky—Bottled	72,236	40,255	66,895	41,853	25,176	21,062
„ Bulk	997,305	343,606	770,126	330,225	916,877	613,021
Stationery ... ..	.....	142,381	.....	139,995	.....	180,883
Sugar—Cane cwt.	178,839	121,569	1,131,644	1,005,018	1,031,892	975,286
Tea lb.	18,692,523	709,289	20,419,659	913,285	19,373,545	859,117
Timber—						
Dressed N.E.I. ... sup. ft.	13,420,353	121,731	3,195,255	34,067	770,865	13,605
Logs not sawn	8,866,378	37,982	5,071,861	20,453	598,289	4,789
N.Z. White Pine	42,369,240	257,187	36,764,874	228,424	42,044,303	276,912
Undressed N.E.I.	105,084,796	663,197	77,193,799	561,546	73,527,824	600,641
Tobacco—						
Manufactured N.E.I. lb.	1,482,692	124,174	1,069,800	86,533	1,330,271	99,676
Unmanufactured	5,953,076	308,842	8,725,123	501,435	7,808,105	454,119
Cigars	132,912	57,398	89,258	43,930	82,128½	49,028
Cigarettes	61,641	23,914	74,332	25,954	81,268½	30,523
Tools of Trade, not being machines	.....	206,680	.....	225,235	.....	241,304
Trimnings and Ornaments ... ..	.....	193,460	.....	186,164	.....	167,372
Vehicles—						
Bicycles, &c., and parts ... ..	.....	91,289	.....	124,637	.....	126,466
Motor Car Bodies ... ..	.....	67,095	.....	122,126	.....	111,104
„ Chassis ... ..	.....	346,917	.....	545,242	.....	425,430
Other Vehicles and parts ... ..	.....	154,221	.....	179,874	.....	206,182
Wines—Sparkling ... gal.	10,945	23,036	13,318	28,570	9,753	20,807
Still, bottle	18,998	13,582	19,609	12,806	19,397	14,705
Still, bulk	15,843	5,037	13,491	4,152	7,614	2,580
Yarns ... ..	.....	60,178	.....	187,745	.....	326,265
All other Articles ... ..	.....	6,199,087	.....	8,391,267	.....	7,073,235
Total ... ..	.....	27,323,243	.....	33,379,698	.....	32,742,297

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea Annually.

Article.	1914-15.		1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Ale and Beer—Bottled ... gal.	114,327	£ 18,780	108,520	£ 18,873		
Bulk	3,862	386	728	47		
Ammonia, Sulphate ... cwt.	59,012	38,071	80,853	65,218		
Animals Living—						
Cattle, ordinary ... No.	313	1,837	103	538		
Horses, ordinary	218	9,624	Nil.	Nil.		
Sheep, ordinary	4,703	5,799	852	1,373		
Sheep, breeding	808	9,869	230	2,890		
Apparel and Attire		74,642		127,605		
Biscuits lbs.	3,068,299	41,199	2,696,122	41,449		
Boats, Launches		7,800		5,004		
Bones cwt.	11,473	7,643	6,963	4,772		
Books—printed		38,913		35,785		
Boots, Shoes—Leather		15,028		19,912		
Bullion—						
Gold—Bar, Ingot, etc. ozs.	45,768	56,977	10,315	35,039		
In Matte	38,466	154,110	41,260	161,594		
Silver—Bar, Ingot, etc. ..	816,071	84,820	644,094	73,496		
In Matte	2,311,945	231,354	2,827,201	309,645		
Butter lbs.	23,336,327	1,166,919	4,128,433	254,793		
Cheese	347,437	10,157	76,616	4,788		
Coal tons	1,370,989	719,809	927,225	506,361		
Coke	14,247	15,011	25,219	29,107		
Concentrates—						
Silver, Silver Lead ... cwt.	106,783	57,849	Nil.	Nil.		
Tin	1,310	4,608	3,672	12,802		
Zinc	382,224	74,323	60,785	91,260		
Other	4,208	8,433	2,427	13,949		
Confectionery lbs.	151,261	7,544	137,782	7,908		
Copper—Ingots cwt.	464,688	1,546,601	601,138	2,932,340		
In Matte	31,230	107,783	41,366	197,441		
Drugs, Chemicals, n.e.i. ...		16,943		21,647		
Fruits, Dried—						
Currants lbs.	266,597	3,833	182,207	3,730		
Raisins	207,662	3,357	317,183	9,163		
Fruits, Fresh—						
Apples centals	7,901	7,023	5,677	5,309		
Citrus	11,418	9,468	19,683	13,997		
Furniture		7,013		8,732		
Glue Pieces, Sinews ... cwt.	14,435	6,321	13,276	6,135		
Glycerine, unrefined ... lbs.	201,992	4,727	218,675	5,803		
Grain—						
Maize entl.	6,133	2,530	2,084	928		
Oats	5,122	3,580	85,325	33,669		
Wheat	1,606,284	535,856	5,556,733	2,766,759		
Bran, Pollard, Sharps ...	115,703	45,729	63,089	26,255		
Flour (Wheaten)	412,830	211,488	968,761	594,124		
Hair—Other lbs.	196,887	12,842	336,765	12,666		
Hats, Caps, Bonnets		5,348		9,397		
Hay and Chaff cwt.	7,238	2,479	3,840	1,433		
Hoofs	561	218	4,518	1,254		
Horns		1,736		3,455		
Jams and Jellies lbs.	1,411,998	24,722	5,600,818	101,722		
Jewellery		5,487		7,730		
Precious Stones, unset ...		6,549		14,359		
Lard lbs.	95,142	3,023	73,485	3,139		
Lead—In Matte cwt.	683,919	552,594	689,303	767,627		
Pig	1,067,753	1,056,867	971,709	1,356,714		
Sheet and Piping	11,657	14,616	9,710	15,368		
Leather		594,491		564,114		
Leather Manufactures, n.e.i. ...		17,443		13,355		
Manures—Bonedust ... cwt.	128,000	40,858	71,795	22,563		
Superphosphates	52,995	15,779	228,577	45,714		

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea, Annually—continued.

Article.	1914-15.		1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£		£
Meats—Bacon and Hams lbs.	178,872	8,564	85,776	4,680		
Preserved by C.P.—						
Beef lbs.	23,626,403	444,561	784,000	18,509		
Mutton car.	1,639,355	1,253,127	317,102	268,764		
lb. {	76,965,279		14,124,161			
Lamb car.	565,909	389,839	358,419	274,989		
lb. {	19,478,243		12,318,924			
Rabbits and Hares... prs.	7,546,446	393,179	9,487,687	607,711		
Potted, Concentrated...		187,628		45,465		
Preserved in tins, &c.... lb.	25,012,609	925,334	4,123,668	161,422		
Medicines...		48,147		63,694		
Metals—Antimony and Compounds		889		43,873		
Metal Manufactures ...		110,577		196,680		
Oils—Cocoonut cwt.	84,619	174,964	82,165	163,900		
Onions "	43,055	21,778	37,439	15,448		
Ores—Copper "	58,527	35,176	69,872	45,192		
Gold Ore, &c. "	7,067	14,329	2,385	5,394		
Molybdenite "	1,619	40,961	2,569	58,891		
Silver and Silver-Lead "	24,738	20,961	Nil.	Nil.		
Tin "	22,261	104,320	27,167	151,382		
Wolfram "	8,053	40,173	17,642	158,850		
Other "	36,625	19,223	40,735	46,595		
Potatoes "	32,972	11,633	22,902	12,449		
Rubber Manufactures ...		22,526		24,739		
Sausage Casings		25,058		31,706		
Seeds		14,594		43,807		
Skins and Hides—						
Hides (Cattle) No.	596,796	810,157	256,103	328,178		
Hides (Horse) "	1,608	1,187	706	706		
Rabbit and Hare lb.	4,259,797	155,411	4,352,040	210,935		
Sheep with Wool No.	2,783,026	495,237	2,174,774	386,119		
Sheep without Wool... "	588,056	25,372	1,272,438	61,936		
Other		113,957		272,622		
Soap—Toilet, Fancy ... lb.	110,349	6,518	122,106	8,195		
Other "	2,774,627	43,049	2,917,258	53,001		
Specie—Bronze		715		295		
Gold		1,025,011		9,043,631		
Silver		51,768		32,385		
Stationery		11,205		16,141		
Sugar—Cane cwt.	366,236	317,327	21,163	21,522		
Tallow, unrefined	549,951	790,015	128,570	227,881		
Timber—Dressed s.ft.	663,507	7,993	382,522	5,192		
Undressed "	18,831,889	195,368	15,878,754	156,355		
Logs, not sawn	3,21,119	2,920	217,283	1,680		
Tin Ingots cwt.	12,612	93,163	38,946	324,929		
Tobacco—Manufactured lb.	781,925	62,368	986,625	82,784		
Cigarettes "	20,020	6,950	119,956	25,960		
Wines—Sparkling gal.	1,891	3,391	2,930	5,816		
Still, bottle "	18,930	10,658	26,407	14,981		
Still, bulk "	66,212	12,744	5,277	19,104		
Wood, Articles—Casks, Shooks		4,095		5,156		
Other		9,107		7,678		
Wool—Greasy bale	591,834	7,800,718	652,069	10,158,459		
lb. {	203,460,397		215,212,159			
Scoured and Washed	bale	1,954,957	178,660	3,052,197		
lb. {	131,817		42,050,208			
Tops lb.	30,818,047					
Tops lb.	4,095,966	511,021	4,981,975	680,656		
All other Articles		1,548,194		1,565,541		
Total		28,107,025		40,975,416		

No. 14.—Imports Oversea during December, and during the six months,
July to December.

Article.	December.				July to December.			
	1917.		1916.		1917.		1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Ale, Beer—Bottle ... gal.	236	£ 49	15,848	£ 4,257	31,584	£ 8,724	200,879	£ 46,692
Bulk ... "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apparel and Attire... "	...	68,428	...	85,181	...	354,868	...	596,725
Socks and Stockings ... "	...	31,059	...	50,466	...	148,802	...	278,370
Bags and Sacks—Bran, Chaff, &c. doz.	13,750	4,397	29,135	12,249	123,610	38,797	123,169	44,538
Corn and Flour ... "	157,200	64,273	137,660	49,656	868,550	329,239	1,391,122	484,720
Woolpacks ... No.	6,650	1,223	9,200	1,392	525,350	83,375	501,367	76,264
Other ... doz.	8,000	3,000	8,542	2,420	18,085	4,788	28,184	6,376
Bags, Purses, n.e.i. ... "	...	5,758	...	11,357	...	39,648	...	74,568
Blankets and Blanketing ... "	...	771	...	1,830	...	5,669	...	35,725
Books (printed), &c. ... "	...	19,706	...	15,046	...	118,063	...	114,460
Boots and Shoes ... "	...	10,535	...	26,682	...	75,065	...	128,213
Bullion—Gold—Bar, ingot, &c. oz.	6,845	27,408	547	1,813	133,574	548,583	46,717	188,856
Silver " " "	45,535	8,803	5	1	198,340	26,328	160	25
Canvas and Duck ... "	...	18,742	...	15,206	...	90,745	...	122,840
Carpets and Carpeting ... "	...	11,887	...	13,638	...	67,428	...	107,667
Cement (Portland) ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	21
Clocks and Watches ... "	...	9,140	...	11,724	...	46,396	...	80,301
Cocoa and Chocolate ... lb.	133,510	5,208	336,742	29,858	912,312	39,766	1,774,913	138,371
Confectionery, n.e.i. ... "	8,321	1,170	52,652	1,845	138,587	7,478	778,077	42,591
Copper, Pipes and Tubes ... cwt.	...	...	251	1,361	208	2,776	919	6,661
Copra ... "	54,418	71,389	11,272	12,789	246,056	307,529	133,105	147,086
Cordage—Sewing Silks, &c... "	...	37,805	...	25,344	...	162,635	...	164,744
Counterpanes, Cushions, &c. ... "	...	15,683	...	22,261	...	77,870	...	121,984
Cutlery, n.e.i. ... "	...	11,643	...	13,449	...	70,172	...	72,142
Drugs and Chemicals—								
Cream of Tartar ... cwt.	1,199	14,386	220	2,119	7,168	82,053	6,751	43,784
Other, free ... "	...	...	...	12,184	...	15,583	...	125,235
Earthenware, &c. ... "	...	8,839	...	9,025	...	34,903	...	57,517
Electrical Articles—Cable								
and Wire, covered ... cwt.	163	2,128	1,235	11,139	2,455	25,065	19,584	132,094
Fancy Goods ... "	...	12,978	...	15,985	...	90,554	...	95,631
Fish—Preserved in tins, &c. lb.	668,357	36,847	1,205,766	43,897	2,980,816	152,680	4,173,503	161,708
Floor Cloths and Coverings ... "	...	25,948	...	4,976	...	96,155	...	119,937
Fruits, fresh—Apples ... cntl.	4,284	4,282	11,587	16,921	10,033	10,710	19,566	50,310
Bananas ... "	8,420	5,203	207	215	48,001	26,601	135,455	71,664
Other ... "	61	53	1,736	4,452	830	839	3,367	4,825
Furniture ... "	...	643	...	2,339	...	7,799	...	17,057
Gloves ... "	...	8,267	...	8,406	...	47,874	...	47,764
Grain—Maize ... cntl.	...	...	2,411	713	62	109	13,700	5,127
Oats ... "	...	...	...	...	116	59	93	48
Rice ... "	2,167	2,450	1,562	1,295	160,668	85,453	13,997	8,563
Hats and Caps ... "	...	6,508	...	10,907	...	76,696	...	100,725
Hessians ... "	...	9,249	...	25,118	...	85,017	...	93,998
Instruments—Kinematographs, &c. ... "	...	477	...	21,992	...	2,112	...	119,823
Pianos ... No.	215	8,840	304	10,066	2,251	76,246	2,739	74,294
Parts ... "	...	2,737	...	1,491	...	23,472	...	13,624
Iron and Steel—								
Bar, Rod, Angle, Tee ... cwt	5,389	7,273	32,324	30,525	63,620	87,073	316,211	269,671
Girders, Beams, &c. ... "	971	913	5,965	5,046	7,570	8,005	39,531	27,771
Pig ... "	...	...	110	39	16,615	11,433	47,461	11,955
Plate and Sheet—Galvanised ... "	5,090	11,988	9,659	14,417	46,312	95,976	145,777	285,824
Not galvanised ... "	4,148	10,493	6,135	4,347	27,552	37,989	123,297	87,015
Jewellery ... "	...	5,629	...	6,992	...	40,370	...	52,779
Precious Stones, unset ... "	...	41,835	...	21,658	...	105,942	...	100,597
Leather ... "	...	7,406	...	11,639	...	58,295	...	115,002
Machines and Machinery—								
Agricultural ... "	...	13,970	...	7,119	...	98,409	...	127,758
Electrical ... "	...	15,009	...	35,626	...	111,558	...	211,448
Engines ... "	...	4,861	...	6,845	...	27,157	...	67,459
Mining ... "	...	14	...	5,172	...	9,076	...	13,699
Motive Power ... "	...	5,195	...	8,355	...	46,009	...	46,870
Sewing ... "	...	7,783	...	3,887	...	74,080	...	54,880
Other ... "	...	47,115	...	78,884	...	328,679	...	459,721

No. 14.—Imports Oversea during December, and during the six months,
July to December—*continued.*

Article.	December.				July to December.			
	1917.		1916.		1917.		1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£		£		£
Matches gross boxes	21,689	2,525	10,852	1,920	214,098	26,867	195,483	29,543
Medicines ... ..	...	16,027	...	15,734	...	96,038	...	136,689
Metals, Manufactures—								
Pipes and Tubes ... ..	...	14,077	...	13,958	...	91,033	...	177,348
Wire ... ..	...	56,252	...	10,087	...	137,732	...	106,350
Wire Netting ... ..	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	860
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	61,953	...	74,383	...	381,193	...	534,741
Oils, Bulk—Benzine ... gal.	796,752	65,051	1,107,148	85,852	2,661,277	211,603	3,326,725	251,687
Benzoline, &c.	366,492	33,375	32,408	3,408	783,803	68,755	798,415	56,156
Kerosene	117,801	1,995	125,000	3,412	2,558,173	75,221	2,477,682	59,519
Lubricating (Mineral) ...	99,798	9,838	181,104	12,875	728,107	56,967	1,394,248	73,947
Paints and Colours (prepared) ... cwt.	183	742	4,251	10,133	5,450	15,896	34,523	76,480
Paper—Printing ... ..	...	67,460	...	56,255	...	156,439	...	343,472
Writing ... ..	...	15,916	...	18,376	...	60,799	...	135,789
Piece Goods—Cotton, Linen	...	278,251	...	241,200	...	1,197,383	...	1,648,667
Flannels ... ..	...	751	...	4,750	...	4,224	...	52,733
Horsehair Cloth ... ..	...	2,845	...	1,270	...	6,994	...	7,627
Rubbered Waterproof ...	...	1,151	...	2,468	...	14,230	...	8,524
Silk ... ..	...	70,912	...	48,901	...	535,219	...	426,112
Velvets, Velveteens ...	...	28,729	...	25,773	...	168,470	...	197,028
Woollens ... ..	...	93,245	...	108,125	...	427,606	...	796,726
N.E.I. ... ..	...	12,446	...	21,078	...	45,241	...	95,953
Other ... ..	...	10,245	...	18,093	...	45,269	...	66,433
Rails, Fishplates, &c. ...	...	242	...	415	...	242	...	6,760
Rubber Manufactures ...	...	37,440	...	34,640	...	177,537	...	282,242
Specie—Bronze ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	156
Gold ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	250,000	...	...
Silver ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	22,000	...	9,625
Spirits—Brandy, Bottled ... gal.	500	478	2,300	2,486	6,598	8,371	23,269	23,961
Brandy, Bulk	4,574	5,324	15,728	9,516	9,895	10,495	97,554	55,143
Gin—British	2,469	1,579	3,821	1,510	10,767	6,571	34,967	13,318
Hollands, Geneva ...	644	242	5,049	1,285	2,154	1,411	20,259	6,649
Schnapps ... ..	...	...	6,665	2,649	5,029	2,403	55,243	23,576
Rum, Bottled ... ..	...	...	402	453	...	...	1,038	1,085
Rum, Bulk	2,884	1,254	1,778	773	15,127	6,471	15,540	6,021
Whisky, Bottled	262	262	9	6	11,619	10,216	18,498	14,974
Whisky, Bulk	53,313	49,366	54,892	38,012	395,685	246,514	610,515	405,536
Stationery ... ..	...	12,517	...	20,611	...	71,654	...	115,252
Sugar—Cane cwt.	7,537	6,975	152,937	139,954	197,835	133,160	509,513	460,665
Tea lb.	938,703	38,968	2,034,849	92,540	12,272,750	485,398	10,425,439	475,587
Timber—Dressed sup. ft.	...	...	50	3	16,625	442	632,084	10,497
Logs, not sawn	32,444	149	19,970	81	135,699	1,019	370,573	3,112
N.Z. White Pine	2,652,810	18,990	1,773,141	8,727	12,713,450	93,815	21,322,000	140,634
Undressed, n.e.i.	7,903,228	59,901	8,876,996	51,695	28,665,080	264,466	42,841,859	329,016
Tobacco—Manufactured, n.e.i. lb.	19,413	2,566	121,677	10,606	200,550	10,485	616,516	46,677
Unmanufactured	1,058	45	549,117	26,488	256,641	15,620	2,418,417	137,435
Cigars	13,512	7,373	4,774	3,068	44,634	23,050	42,514	26,358
Cigarettes	8,844	3,465	6,540	2,331	29,072	11,488	51,624	18,842
Tools of Trade ... ..	...	17,043	...	20,941	...	97,261	...	143,353
Trimnings and Ornaments	...	15,543	...	13,411	...	92,094	...	94,219
Vehicles, Bicycles, &c., and parts	...	5,497	...	8,875	...	46,424	...	60,671
Motor Car Bodies ... ..	...	8,384	...	6,124	220	50,551	...	56,716
Motor Car Chassis ... ..	...	30,876	...	24,304	232	159,860	...	214,350
Other Vehicles and parts	...	6,175	...	40,900	...	80,141	...	121,613
Wines—Sparkling gal.	60	136	1,120	2,361	1,443	2,899	7,226	15,265
Still, bottled	600	597	3,533	2,746	8,981	7,903	13,276	8,880
Still, bulk ... ..	...	...	673	211	1,265	589	4,650	1,509
Yarns ... ..	...	6,175	...	40,830	...	90,024	...	191,114
All other Articles ... ..	...	605,090	...	575,584	...	3,223,429	...	3,370,402
Total £	...	2,543,838	...	2,815,803	...	14,262,041	...	18,529,914

No. 15.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1890.	1900.	1905.	1910.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Imports.							
Australian States	£ 10,049,648	£ 10,164,080	£ 14,938,885	£ 12,623,428*	£ †	£ †	£ †
Oversea—							
United Kingdom	8,628,007	9,923,117	8,602,288	14,385,633	15,367,746	15,608,510	15,722,209
Canada...	18,784	114,321	73,443	356,593	944,518	981,845	887,378
Fiji ...	99,853	60,831	43,232	161,894	247,650	594,632	1,038,521
Hong Kong ...	271,730	67,928	89,351	95,450	151,710	200,879	198,899
India and Ceylon	239,070	601,741	717,948	1,135,359	1,631,131	2,021,610	2,023,349
New Zealand ...	932,073	1,348,605	1,369,001	1,180,011	1,151,271	1,702,753	1,452,899
South Africa ...	55	1,013	5,256	20,312	25,550	401,026	89,377
Straits Settlements	27,148	40,391	82,830	132,245	231,731	305,992	372,184
Other British ...	6,685	118,929	67,165	158,494	188,324	225,901	222,945
Belgium ...	130,819	147,661	222,994	555,298	263,510	1,629	7,955
China ...	241,840	190,456	28,631	38,720	53,918	116,838	57,453
France ...	117,871	270,084	138,028	166,986	99,841	130,721	64,996
Germany ...	639,475	1,105,664	864,289	1,288,574	497,372	19,549	20,038
Italy ...	23,961	92,732	73,757	129,246	200,666	333,774	179,434
Japan ...	22,040	122,041	145,257	335,320	660,389	1,274,348	1,451,040
New Caledonia	83,920	28,509	18,399	39,242	37,411	43,569	34,759
Philippine Islands	4,414	49,240	27,854	37,492	41,841	73,638	31,507
South Sea Islands	40,214	107,488	103,142	164,530	§	§	§
United States ...	859,102	2,557,961	1,636,069	2,150,953	4,320,904	7,374,260	7,367,597
Other Foreign...	178,295	448,279	176,189	706,641	1,207,760	1,968,224	1,519,757
Total, Oversea	12,565,356	17,396,991	14,485,123	23,238,993	27,323,243	33,379,698	32,742,297
Total, Imports	22,615,004	27,561,071	29,424,008	.....	.....	.....	.....
Exports.							
Australian States	£ 10,990,593	£ 9,979,190	£ 12,263,472	£ 10,307,115†	£ †	£ †	
Oversea—							
United Kingdom	6,623,431	8,273,272	10,222,422	13,318,099	16,258,252	15,320,054	
Canada ...	10	66,403	41,520	76,866	362,016	650,261	
Fiji ...	98,951	183,579	245,152	410,926	379,326	289,836	
Hong Kong ...	255,050	218,986	424,460	414,042	383,601	252,759	
India and Ceylon	257,360	174,296	1,330,189	187,128	355,307	573,335	
New Zealand ...	294,138	826,662	934,661	1,319,358	1,767,086	2,421,292	
South Africa ...	1,014	755,487	371,727	289,812	753,499	128,016	
Straits Settlements	34,347	39,898	95,995	246,513	211,588	263,623	
Other British ...	27,469	49,586	89,969	136,742	368,113	497,660	
Belgium ...	1,011,846	620,349	1,787,163	2,970,187	203,527	420	
China ...	1,037	68,004	318,159	64,192	50,546	67,220	
France ...	233,924	1,024,300	3,570,246	4,232,137	610,879	1,498,631	
Germany ...	404,280	844,504	2,771,396	4,934,474	150,619	.....
Italy ...	24,498	61,132	176,770	234,419	570,572	1,934,012	
Japan ...	7,156	133,989	377,451	524,598	1,573,184	2,354,584	
New Caledonia	193,396	179,761	135,446	115,458	158,794	179,377	
Philippine Islands	16,410	88,043	183,853	226,134	129,591	52,508	
South Sea Islands	45,290	126,834	141,381	214,651	§	§	
United States ...	1,300,375	3,981,242	602,145	865,326	2,721,910	13,132,683	
Other Foreign...	225,362	468,999	698,429	1,254,389	1,098,615	1,359,142	
Total, Oversea	11,055,344	18,185,326	24,518,534	32,035,451	28,107,025	40,975,416	
Total, Exports	22,045,937	28,164,516	36,782,006	.....	.....	.....

* Imports, 1st January to 13th September inclusive. † Exports, 1st January to 13th September inclusive. ‡ Not available
§ Included in "Other Foreign."

No. 16.—Principal Articles Imported at Sydney during December, 1917.

(Compiled from returns supplied by Sydney Harbour Trust.)

Article.		Oversea.*		Interstate.			State.	
		Quantity.	Measure- ment.	Quantity.	Measure- ment.	Value.	Quantity.	Measure- ment.
							£	
Agricultural Implements	tons	5	223	44	52	3,315	.....	3
Ale, Beer, and Stout	...	.....	20	.....	536	7,939	.....	38
Animals—Horses	No.	6	.....	19	...	1,625	78	...
Horned Cattle	"	.....	.....	2	...	35	38	...
Calves	"	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	75	...
Pigs	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3,410	...
Bacon and Hams	tons	.....	I	.....	332	23,656	.....	314
Bananas	bchs.	26,512	.....	3,377	...	410	184	...
" " "	cases	8,824	.....	4,657	...	3,188	14,958	...
Boots, Shoes, &c.	tons	.....	141	.....	430	54,051	.....	...
Bullion—Gold and Silver	cwt.	28 $\frac{3}{4}$	.....	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	22,836	.....	...
Butter	tons	.....	.....	.....	22	2,280	.....	3,114
Candles, tapers, night-lights	...	.....	I	.....	16	636	.....	89
Cement	tons	4	9	.....	...	.....	.....	...
Chaff	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	56	...
Cheese	"	.....	.....	.....	15	723	247	131
Coal	"	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	47,052	...
" (bunker)	"	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	35,097	...
Confectionery	...	.....	33	.....	378	16,653	.....	...
Cordage, rope, twine, &c.	tons	I	315	.....	99	6,886	.....	I
Drapery	...	2	3,232	.....	826	100,398	.....	57
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals...	...	195	559	17	175	9,736	4	18
Earthenware	tons	.....	462	.....	74	1,248	.....	6
Eggs (in shell)	...	.....	.....	.....	127	1,736	.....	232
Fish, fresh or frozen	...	.....	36	.....	2	28	432	565
Oysters, fresh or other	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	100
Flour	tons	3	.....	22	...	277	.....	...
Fruit, fresh	cases	430	.....	22,670	...	8,823	30,994	...
Furniture	tons	.....	21	.....	435	4,652	.....	3
Glass and Glassware	"	116	719	I	430	3,229	.....	119
Grain—Maize	"	.....	.....	1,025	...	8,688	602	...
Oats	"	.....	.....	783	...	6,833	.....	...
Hardware	"	519	1,026	213	259	25,594	16	8
Hay	"	.....	.....	15	...	67	790	...
Hides and Skins...	"	.....	342	.....	1,531	112,583	.....	339
Iron—Galvanized	"	274	.....	21	...	1,115	I	...
Pig	"	.....	.....	4	...	40	58	...
Jams and Jellies	"	.....	.....	.....	594	16,949	.....	3
Leatherware	"	.....	40	.....	128	22,139	.....	7
Machinery and Machines	"	63	1,129	133	571	23,638	20	24
Matches and Match-making Materials...	...	.....	279	.....	245	11,105	.....	4
Milk and Cream, preserved	...	.....	7	.....	676	37,052	.....	180
Molasses and Syrup	tons	.....	.....	21	97	1,745	216	...
Melons, Pumpkins, Squashes	No.	.....	.....	42,949	...	857	.....	...
Onions	tons	.....	.....	126	...	1,351	145	...
Oilmen's Stores	"	30	506	2	256	14,120	5	26
Potatoes	"	.....	.....	496	...	3,540	1,085	...
Saddlery	"	9	26	.....	2	161	.....	I
Soap	...	.....	11	.....	145	4,964	78	177
Specie	tons	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...
Spirits—Brandy...	"	.....	.....	.....	60	8,513	.....	...
Gin	"	.....	24	.....	24	3,397	.....	I
Rum	"	.....	30	.....	282	40,268	.....	I
Whisky...	"	.....	735	.....	265	51,871	.....	4
Sugar	"	.....	.....	24,919	...	549,865	5,302	...
Tea	"	.....	1,589	.....	44	1,925	.....	...
Timber—Sawn	sup. ft.	7,791,067	.....	1,012,962	...	10,745	1,725,098	...
Rough	"	37,564	.....	83,852	...	902	720,361	...
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	tons	.....	234	.....	115	25,385	.....	2
Vegetables, fresh	"	.....	.....	15	266	2,588	30	11
Waters, Cordials, &c.	"	.....	20	.....	78	1,783	.....	...
Wines	"	.....	27	.....	354	11,644	.....	60
Woodenware	"	16	180	.....	112	1,620	.....	28
Wool—Bales and Butts...	No.	13	.....	2,279	...	53,135	3,021	...
Bags	"	27	.....	.....	...	.....	189	...
Woolens	tons	.....	201	.....	139	11,816	.....	...
All other Articles	"	19,402	29,150	5,758	7,926	349,948	32,863	6,328
Total	...	.....	41,328	.....	18,118	1,692,306	.....	11,994

* The total overseas imports were valued at £2,499,422.

No. 17.—Shipping—all Ports.*(Compiled from Returns supplied by Customs Department.)*

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage Entered.		Tonnage Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1906	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
1907	3,238	6,070,953	3,205	6,009,282	5,257,019	813,934	5,228,469	780,813
1908	3,196	6,298,784	3,219	6,303,125	5,822,060	476,724	5,737,747	565,378
1909	2,861	5,870,034	2,767	5,689,426	5,388,231	481,803	5,254,376	435,050
1910	2,937	6,290,119	3,035	6,471,855	5,892,049	398,070	6,047,832	424,023
1911	3,127	6,822,135	3,146	6,833,782	6,427,442	394,693	6,424,865	408,917
1912	3,354	7,490,046	3,346	7,453,005	7,010,420	479,626	6,975,678	477,327
1913	3,393	8,117,501	3,375	8,071,101	7,800,389	317,112	7,744,422	326,679
Jan.-June, 1914	1,799	4,393,002	1,765	4,318,636	4,147,905	245,097	4,119,514	199,122
1914-15	3,000	7,051,503	3,059	7,219,914	6,892,390	159,113	7,004,888	215,028
1915-16	3,045	6,552,235	3,062	6,574,582	6,346,795	205,440	6,360,428	214,154
1916-17	2,239	5,836,272	2,610	5,784,164	5,719,724	116,548	5,673,942	110,222
July-Dec., 1917	987	2,084,657	974	2,010,760	2,018,636	66,021	1,970,087	40,673
" 1916	1,315	3,037,441	1,293	2,974,898	2,974,950	62,491	2,921,055	53,843
December, 1917	233	473,060	223	451,367	462,460	10,600	443,478	7,889
" 1916	175	376,304	206	481,140	358,546	17,758	475,752	5,388

NOTE.—The shipping recorded in the above table is "Oversea" and "Interstate" only.

No. 18.—Shipping entered—Port of Sydney.*(Compiled from Returns supplied by Sydney Harbour Trust.)*

Year.	Description of Vessels.	Number of Vessels.			Net Tonnage.		
		Oversea and Interstate.	State.	Total.	Oversea and Interstate.	State.	Total.
1907	Steam ...	2,456	6,589	9,045	5,105,343	1,553,200	6,658,543
	Sailing ...	318	1,011	1,329	377,080	134,516	511,596
1908	Steam ...	2,460	6,469	8,929	5,205,883	1,596,569	6,802,452
	Sailing ...	190	904	1,094	169,339	135,783	305,122
1909	Steam ...	2,314	5,713	8,027	5,148,293	1,483,635	6,631,928
	Sailing ...	193	724	917	171,638	97,491	269,129
1910	Steam ...	2,292	5,700	7,992	5,398,910	1,474,145	6,873,055
	Sailing ...	173	679	852	174,789	89,464	264,253
1911	Steam ...	2,408	6,138	8,546	5,993,713	1,626,209	7,529,922
	Sailing ...	168	502	670	159,031	80,087	239,118
1912	Steam ...	2,747	6,417	9,164	6,580,862	1,738,343	8,319,205
	Sailing ...	110	401	511	120,072	54,782	174,854
1913	Steam ...	2,696	6,718	9,414	7,063,444	1,790,740	8,854,184
	Sailing ...	107	401	508	109,725	54,876	164,601
Jan.-June, 1914	Steam ...	1,371	3,278	4,649	3,722,136	881,795	4,603,931
	Sailing ...	65	167	232	80,675	25,971	106,646
1914-15	Steam ...	2,452	6,640	9,092	6,290,718	1,761,927	8,052,645
	Sailing ...	70	304	374	67,980	43,708	111,688
1915-16	Steam ...	2,321	6,571	8,892	5,589,677	1,762,430	7,352,107
	Sailing ...	152	241	393	136,511	46,659	183,170
1916-17	Steam ...	2,026	6,100	8,126	5,000,450	1,576,907	6,577,357
	Sailing ...	127	200	327	107,841	40,630	148,471
July-Dec., 1917	Steam ...	803	2,610	3,413	1,869,669	646,986	2,516,655
	Sailing ...	61	111	172	55,943	17,354	73,297
" 1916	Steam ...	1,007	3,031	4,038	2,631,036	778,112	3,409,148
	Sailing ...	69	109	178	53,232	21,682	74,914
December, 1917	Steam ...	171	494	665	398,853	128,472	527,325
	Sailing ...	16	15	31	15,929	2,379	18,308
" 1916	Steam ...	128	476	604	326,410	131,001	457,411
	Sailing ..	18	17	35	14,468	3,938	18,406

NOTE.—"Oversea and Interstate" shipping includes the trips and tonnages of vessels which proceed to Newcastle or bunker coal, which return to Sydney, but which do not then report at the Customs.

No. 19.—State Revenue (December), and six months (July to December).

(Advances recovered are not included.)

Source of Revenue.	December.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to December.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1916.	1917.		1916-17.	1917-18.	
Governmental—	£	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Returns ...	191,489	190,576	(-) 913	1,148,934	1,145,634	(-) 3,300
Taxation (by State) ...	116,753	238,483	121,730	1,038,636	943,519	(-) 95,117
Public Lands ...	142,992	141,510	(-) 1,482	793,538	848,839	55,301
All other sources ...	70,055	86,096	16,041	403,878	413,226	9,348
Gross Total ...	521,289	656,665	135,376	3,384,986	3,351,218	(-) 33,768
Refunds ...	13,218	9,228	(-) 3,990	67,542	68,408	866
Net Total ...	508,071	647,437	139,366	3,317,444	3,282,810	(-) 34,634
Business Undertakings by State—						
Railways and Tramways ...	904,128	1,011,325	107,197	4,898,341	4,794,116	(-) 104,225
Other ...	77,458	89,463	12,005	705,048	771,726	66,678
Gross Total ...	981,586	1,100,788	119,202	5,603,389	5,565,842	(-) 37,547
Refunds ...	4,516	3,750	(-) 766	35,366	38,777	3,411
Net Total ...	977,070	1,097,038	119,968	5,568,023	5,527,065	(-) 40,958
Net Revenue and Receipts proper	£ 1,485,141	1,744,475	259,334	8,885,467	8,809,875	(-) 75,592

No. 20.—State Expenditure (December), and six months (July to December).

(Transfers and Advances are not included.)

Distribution of Expenditure.	December.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to December.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1916.	1917.		1916-17.	1917-18.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental ...	681,007	557,894	(-) 123,113	3,480,419	3,548,191	67,772
Business Undertakings ...	612,481	677,880	65,399	4,036,545	3,782,015	(-) 254,530
Interest ...	118,413	118,329	(-) 84	2,473,511	2,617,646	144,135
Total Expenditure ...	£ 1,411,901	1,354,103	(-) 57,798	9,990,475	9,947,852	(-) 42,623

No. 21.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Account, six months (July to December).

Particulars.	1916-17.	1917-18.
	£	£
Balance on 1st July ...	Dr. 214,340	Dr. 483,138
Revenue proper—Governmental ...	3,317,444*	3,282,810*
Business Undertakings ...	5,568,023*	5,527,065*
Other Receipts ...	7,124	76,080
Total Receipts ...	£ 8,892,591	8,885,955
Expenditure proper—Governmental ...	3,480,419†	3,548,191†
Business Undertakings ...	4,036,545†	3,782,015†
Interest ...	2,473,511	2,617,646
Bogan Scrub Clearing ...	.....	.....
Two-thirds Net-proceeds Sale—Crown Lands ...	50,000	.....
Transfer to Special Deposit Account, Forestry Revenue...	.....	16,978
Public Works Fund, Grant in aid ...	235,000	250,000
Wheat Acquisition Act ...	69,714	.....
Meat Supply for Imperial Uses Act ...	93,021	25,599
Other Payments ...	66,006	226,288
Total Payments ...	£ 10,504,216	10,466,717
Balance at 31st December...	Dr. 1,825,965	Dr. 2,063,900

* As per Table No. 19. † As per Table No. 20.

NOTE.—The total receipts in this table (No. 21), represent the gross transactions, including advances recovered, while the expenditure includes transfers to various funds, also temporary advances made. These items are not included in Tables Nos. 19 and 20, but they are necessary in order to ascertain the balances of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. 22.—State Revenue—Comparison—Monthly.

Month.	1916-17.			1917-18.			Increase (+) Decrease (—)
	Governmental.	Business Under-takings.	Total.	Governmental.	Business Under-takings.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
July ...	593,320	738,008	1,331,328	525,573	831,945	1,357,518	(+) 26,190
August ...	682,910	869,932	1,552,842	581,910	671,620	1,253,530	(—) 299,312
September ...	488,850	990,422	1,479,272	482,139	762,452	1,244,591	(—) 234,681
October ...	461,276	1,038,970	1,500,246	532,550	1,090,385	1,622,935	(+) 122,689
November ...	583,017	953,621	1,536,638	513,201	1,073,625	1,586,826	(+) 50,188
December ...	508,071	977,070	1,485,141	647,437	1,097,038	1,744,475	(+) 259,334
Total (6 months) ...	3,317,444	5,568,023	8,885,467	3,282,810	5,527,065	8,809,875	(—) 75,592

No. 23.—State Expenditure—Comparison—Monthly.

Month.	1916-17.			1917-18.			Increase (+) Decrease (—)
	Governmental (including Interest and Sinking Fund).	Business Under-takings.	Total.	Governmental (including Interest and Sinking Fund).	Business Under-takings.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
July ...	878,593	705,187	1,583,780	919,511	737,549	1,657,060	(+) 73,280
August ...	884,168	732,179	1,616,347	916,274	724,447	1,640,721	(+) 24,374
September ...	1,626,447	637,511	2,263,958	1,122,699	334,774	1,457,473	(—) 806,485
October ...	1,112,391	638,353	1,750,744	1,721,598	606,811	2,328,409	(+) 577,665
November ...	652,911	710,834	1,363,745	809,532	700,554	1,510,086	(+) 146,341
December ...	799,420	612,481	1,411,901	676,223	677,880	1,354,103	(—) 57,798
Total (6 months) ...	5,953,930	4,036,545	9,990,475	6,165,837	3,782,015	9,947,852	(—) 42,623

No. 24.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans, 1907-17.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt at end of Year.	Expenditure from Loans during Year.				
		Reproductive Works.				Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Docks, Resumptions, &c.).	Other Works and Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	85,607,832	421,742	325,908	172,361	174,227	1,094,238
1908	87,635,826	1,363,314	370,819	138,561	92,635	1,965,329
1909	90,307,419	2,127,633	617,589	114,095	47,190	2,906,507
1910	92,525,095	2,471,284	578,111	158,732	38,513	3,246,640
1911	95,523,926	2,547,672	730,819	234,213	409,054	3,921,758
1912	100,052,635	3,448,127	1,344,211	413,998	284,767	5,491,103
1913	106,170,747	4,618,967	1,595,093	676,180	813,354	7,703,594
1914	116,693,031	5,714,964	1,942,497	862,927	606,456	9,126,844
1915	127,735,405	4,690,908	1,368,260	685,231	251,708	6,996,107
1916	130,514,018	4,983,632	1,535,364	1,005,291	648,817	8,173,104
1917	138,138,347	3,842,809	1,435,674	962,881	620,815	6,862,179

NOTE.—Redemptions of Loans are not included in the Expenditure.

No. 25.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-10 to 1916-17.

Head of Revenue.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Governmental :—								
Taxation—								
Commonwealth—Balance of Revenue collected and re-	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
turned to State	3,347,616	1,942,245	2,046,993	2,178,683	2,248,241	2,287,295	2,297,872	2,286,913
State	1,223,521	1,027,519	1,885,653	1,405,360	2,330,095	2,955,670	3,117,221	3,625,404
Land—	£							
Alienations	4,571,137	2,969,764	3,932,646	3,584,043	4,578,246	5,242,965	5,415,093	5,916,317
Revenue	850,363	944,030	894,797	999,363	982,885	906,785	1,057,711	972,658
	818,869	810,427	774,451	836,585	846,002	791,296	807,602	774,351
	£							
	1,669,232	1,754,457	1,669,248	1,835,948	1,828,887	1,698,081	1,865,313	1,747,009
Receipts for Services rendered	£							
	375,951	419,388	383,669	412,727	453,016	408,390	414,671	417,345
Miscellaneous Receipts	356,488	317,082	647,672	495,427	482,649	561,093	502,328	550,008
Industrial Undertakings of the State	.....	.....	20,281	32,885	6,300	10,358	9,060	12,710
Total Governmental	£							
	6,972,808	5,460,691	6,653,516	6,361,030	7,349,098	7,920,887	8,206,465	8,643,389
Business Undertakings by the State :—								
Railway Commissioners	6,664,236	7,412,127	8,067,597	8,544,376	9,684,877	9,660,822	9,990,502	10,390,602
Sydney Harbour Trust	337,454	374,280	412,410	452,244	470,773	464,681	489,722	511,980
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage	512,615	537,355	584,654	633,599	713,056	796,338	844,664	866,314
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	52,960	54,686	58,788	66,145	80,945	85,823	98,089	99,448
Total Business Undertakings	£							
	7,567,265	8,378,448	9,123,449	9,696,364	10,949,651	11,007,664	11,422,977	11,868,344
Total	14,540,073	13,839,139	15,776,965	16,057,394	18,298,749	18,928,551	19,629,442	20,511,733
Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.)	42,342	43,346	20,171	203,062	139,480	17,676	74,076	26,102
Grand Total	£							
	14,582,415	13,882,485	15,797,136	16,260,456	18,438,229	18,946,227	19,703,518	20,537,835

No. 26.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-10 to 1916-17.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Head of Expenditure.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental:—								
Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Government (exclusive of Business Undertakings)	807,929	801,754	897,215	950,895	1,022,732	971,435	1,057,769	1,004,193
Reduction of Public Debt	421,034	409,349	436,921	450,602	5,632	5,688	6,504	6,868
Local Government and Main Roads—Endowments and Grants ...	281,815	295,714	341,264	281,304	258,352	281,243	344,022	308,336
Hospitals and Charities (including Lunacy)	518,321	550,956	567,185	643,969	733,387	769,311	880,243	929,218
Police and Prisons	529,935	558,681	574,781	641,858	655,189	653,282	652,119	694,514
Departments—								
Premier	52,492	62,727	109,632	115,303	85,925	185,883	175,978	132,923
Chief Secretary and Public Health (excluding Police, Hospitals, &c.)	88,746	90,293	101,533	107,827	122,666	132,955	126,539	135,172
Treasurer (excluding Charitable Allowances, &c.)	476,295	488,501	586,994	603,520	624,716	593,936	594,751	735,911
Attorney-General and Justice (excluding Prisons)	264,279	268,528	291,971	301,788	325,776	333,965	334,058	331,390
Lands	370,294	380,061	382,396	391,752	384,478	451,025	410,017	384,854
Public Works (excluding Local Government Endowments, &c.) ...	380,850	399,368	507,650	540,515	418,225	441,523	444,698	459,035
Public Instruction (including Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions)	1,145,038	1,206,942	1,405,358	1,490,205	1,607,324	1,635,453	1,698,515	1,853,049
Labour and Industry	5,477	6,086	19,098	39,510	54,049	43,759	50,111	55,156
Mines	61,707	63,644	64,347	63,157	67,834	71,010	74,803	62,425
Agriculture	165,047	175,054	187,062	216,366	295,943	236,163	245,298	249,244
Local Government and Main Roads ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,777	29,612
All other Services	522,884	411,140	387,790	545,927	450,190	420,223	445,516	467,941
Total, Governmental	£ 6,092,143	6,168,798	6,861,197	7,384,498	7,112,418	7,226,854	7,562,718	7,839,841
Business Undertakings, including Interest on Capital:—								
Railways and Tramways	6,131,654	6,759,942	7,501,224	8,520,415	9,505,926	9,540,159	10,107,149	10,794,694
Water Supply and Sewerage	536,669	576,072	608,534	644,347	725,931	785,300	841,278	984,803
Sydney Harbour Trust	286,212	307,253	314,143	332,839	366,698	383,435	420,669	464,564
Total, Business Undertakings	£ 6,954,535	7,643,267	8,423,901	9,497,601	10,598,555	10,708,894	11,369,096	12,244,061
Transfers to Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds	1,146,177	636,153	638,729	559,698	336,541	499,408	589,818	563,043
Advances made	37,531	22,469	213,452	47,039	17,676	81,023	32,295	159,688
Grand Total	£ 14,230,386	14,470,687	16,137,279	17,488,836	18,065,190	18,516,179	19,553,927	20,806,633

No. 27.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1911-12 to 1916-17.

	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward ...	Cr. 401,505	Cr. 61,363	Dr. 1,167,017	Dr. 793,978	Dr. 363,931	Dr. 214,240
Net Revenue Proper ...	15,776,965	16,057,394	18,298,749	18,928,551	19,629,442	20,511,733
Advances Repaid ...	20,171	203,062	139,480	17,676	74,076	26,102
(A) Total Receipts for year	15,797,136	16,260,456	18,438,229	18,946,227	19,703,518	20,537,835
Net Expenditure Proper ...	14,848,177	16,356,497	17,705,341	17,930,060	18,925,310	20,077,034
Payments to Sinking Fund..	436,921	450,602	5,632	5,688	6,504	6,868
Advances—Treasurer's Ac-						
count and Loan Votes ...	213,452	47,039	17,676	81,023	32,295	159,688
Public Works Fund—Statu-						
tory payment of $\frac{3}{4}$ of Pro-						
ceeds of Sale of Crown						
lands, less 20 per cent. ...	348,664	359,698	336,541	299,408	354,818	328,043
Payments in aid—						
Public Works Fund ...	290,065	200,000	.....	200,000	235,000	235,000
Closer Settlement Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Advance to Railway Loan A/c	.....	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
(B) Total Disbursements						
during year ...	16,137,279	17,488,836	18,065,190	18,516,179	19,553,927	20,806,633
Surplus on Transactions of						
year—(A)—(B) ...	(—)340,143	(—)1,228,380	373,039	430,048	149,591	(—)268,798

(—) Denotes deficiency.

No. 28.—Revenue per head collected by the State, 1907-1917.

Year.	Governmental.					Business Undertakings.				Total Revenue.
	Taxation.	Returned by Commonwealth	Land Revenue.	Other Revenue.	Total.	Railways and Tramways.	Water and Sewerage.	Harbour Trust.	Total.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1906-7	0 18 5	2 0 4	1 5 2	9 2	4 13 1	3 14 8	7 2 4	0 4 5	10 8 18	11
1907-8	0 14 1	2 6 11	1 3 4	8 11	4 13 3	3 18 0	7 2 4	3 4 9	5 9 2	8
1908-9	0 11 7	2 3 0	1 2 10	8 3	4 5 8	3 18 8	6 10 4	3 4 9	9 8 15	5
1909-10	0 15 4	2 1 11	1 1 8	8 11	4 7 10	4 3 6	7 1 4	3 4 14	10 9 2	8
1910-11	0 12 6	1 3 9	1 2 5	8 6	3 7 2	4 10 6	7 2 4	7 5 2	3 8 9	5
1911-12	1 2 2	1 4 1	1 0 10	11 6	3 18 7	4 15 0	7 7 4	10 5 7	5 9 6	0
1912-13	0 15 10	1 4 6	1 0 7	12 10	3 13 9	4 16 1	7 10 5	1 5 9	0 9 2	9
1913-14	1 5 1	1 4 6	0 19 11	11 10	4 1 8	5 5 8	8 8 5	2 5 19	6 10 1	2
1914-15	1 11 8	1 4 7	0 18 3	10 8	4 5 2	5 3 8	9 5 5	0 5 18	1 10 3	3
1915-16	1 13 4	1 4 7	1 0 0	10 8	4 8 7	5 6 11	10 1 5	3 6 2	3 10 10	10
1916-17	1 18 11	1 4 7	0 18 9	10 9	4 13 0	5 11 6	10 5 5	6 6 7	5 11 0	5

No. 29.—Expenditure per head by the State, 1907-17.

Year.	Governmental.				Business Undertakings.				Total Expenditure.
	Public Instruction.	Interest and Sinking Funds.	Other Services.	Total.	Railways and Tramways.*	Water and Sewerage.*	Harbo'r Trust.*	Total.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1906-7	0 12 8	0 17 6	3 5 4	4 15 6	3 5 11	6 3 3	3 6 3	3 15 8	8 11 2
1907-8	0 13 7	0 14 10	3 12 6	5 0 11	3 9 0	6 7 3	3 7 3	3 19 2	9 0 1
1908-9	0 13 11	0 15 10	3 15 7	5 5 4	3 13 1	6 9 3	3 7 4	3 3 5	9 8 9
1909-10	0 14 4	0 15 5	3 1 4	4 11 1	3 16 10	6 8 3	3 7 4	4 7 1	8 18 2
1910-11	0 14 9	0 14 10	2 13 8	4 3 3	4 2 6	7 1 3	3 9 4	4 13 4	8 16 7
1911-12	0 16 5	0 15 8	2 18 8	4 10 9	4 8 4	7 3 3	3 8 4	4 19 3	9 10 0
1912-13	0 16 9	0 15 9	2 17 4	4 9 10	4 15 9	7 3 3	3 9 5	5 6 9	9 16 7
1913-14	0 17 7	0 11 3	2 12 8	4 1 6	5 3 9	7 11 4	0 5 15	8 9 17	2
1914-15	0 17 6	0 10 6	2 15 9	4 3 9	5 2 5	8 5 4	1 5 14	11 9 18	8
1915-16	0 18 2	0 11 5	2 18 0	4 7 7	5 8 2	9 0 4	6 1 8	10 9 3	3
1916-17	0 19 11	0 10 10	3 1 2	4 11 11	5 15 10	10 7 5	0 6 11	5 11 3	4

NOTE.—See Tables Nos. 28 and 29 for actual amounts received and expended.

* Includes payment of interest on capital expenditure.

No. 30.—Trading Banks—Liabilities.

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 30th June.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	1,684,746	272,347	18,704,401	23,392,858	42,097,259	83,826	44,138,178
1908	1,713,314	283,567	18,847,680	24,769,305	43,616,985	357,320	45,971,186
1909	1,659,826	298,868	18,846,211	25,834,135	44,680,346	129,093	46,768,133
1910	1,801,807	370,885	23,512,712	26,642,873	50,155,585	100,348	52,428,625
1911	1,819,180	402,760	25,985,355	29,341,683	55,327,038	206,181	57,755,159
1912	226,151	418,504	27,937,492	30,292,076	58,229,568	177,130	59,051,353
1913	142,686	431,429	26,504,388	†30,777,791	†57,282,179	861,270	58,717,564
1914	111,939	510,811	29,944,028	†32,983,409	†62,927,437	1,177,365	64,727,552
1915	95,505	419,227	33,186,317	†35,031,367	†68,217,684	1,236,574	69,968,990
1916	87,315	529,211	43,610,878	†36,435,167	†80,046,045	2,120,888	82,783,460
1917	80,765	584,564	46,599,978	†37,449,286	†84,049,264	1,534,805	86,219,398
Sept. 1917	77,976	454,887	41,221,201	†38,653,066	†79,874,267	1,563,552	81,970,682
Dec. 1917	76,355	646,332	38,652,032	†38,763,384	†77,415,416	1,564,032	79,702,135
„ 1916	84,702	575,248	45,418,484	†36,542,334	†81,960,818	1,657,412	84,278,180

† Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits which have already been included under the returns of Savings Banks—Table No. 33. On 31st December, 1917, the amount so included was £4,004,020.

No. 31.—Trading Banks—Assets.

Quarter ended 30th June.	Coin.	Bullion.	Australian Notes.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	8,966,445	162,008	.....	1,777,304	34,477,917	340,606	497,728	46,222,008
1908	9,617,902	192,432	.....	1,783,694	37,968,766	348,516	487,604	50,396,974
1909	10,096,626	222,304	.....	1,791,040	37,109,453	344,069	419,509	49,983,001
1910	12,785,389	195,204	.....	1,824,349	37,482,907	407,089	607,367	53,302,305
1911	14,327,999	196,961	1,770,751	1,871,811	42,456,515	664,320	618,467	61,906,824
1912	12,116,947	196,110	1,992,519	1,930,319	47,449,649	293,103	488,699	64,467,346
1913	11,839,977	143,723	1,854,248	1,967,555	45,147,699	365,625	1,110,028	62,428,855
1914	15,364,463	120,338	1,845,189	1,953,111	47,765,084	498,760	1,571,433	69,118,378
1915	14,711,181	117,900	7,273,320	2,108,633	51,379,741	484,435	1,322,677	77,397,887
1916	11,570,443	134,935	13,073,103	2,255,032	59,101,909	504,809	2,284,894	88,925,125
1917	11,022,375	541,657	11,766,417	2,348,946	63,031,127	534,028	1,839,955	91,084,505
Sept. 1917	11,459,040	602,490	10,781,937	2,366,243	64,991,098	507,208	1,900,997	92,609,013
Dec. 1917	11,392,585	482,433	9,345,552	2,421,896	66,291,077	514,980	2,075,504	92,524,027
„ 1916	12,629,973	168,846	12,028,199	2,373,297	62,951,707	543,939	1,781,303	92,477,264

No. 32.—Trading Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.				Amount.	Year.				Amount.
				£					£
1905	...	...	...	220,860,512	1912	...	...	...	330,621,122
1907	...	...	...	234,169,822	1913	...	...	...	348,741,175
1908	...	...	...	227,736,243	1914	...	...	...	353,068,040
1909	...	...	...	240,645,737	1915	...	...	...	357,803,424
1910	...	...	...	274,343,666	1916	...	...	...	422,371,972
1911	...	...	...	304,488,435	1917	...	...	...	444,532,930

No. 33.—Savings Banks.

Year ended 30th June.	Number of Depositors on 30th June.	Value of Deposits on 30th June.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited on 30th June.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1906	*379,631	*14,881,260	1,383,008	39 4 0	10 0 6
1907	408,859	16,338,051	1,456,791	39 19 2	10 15 3
1908	435,618	17,849,384	1,511,333	40 19 6	11 11 3
1909	444,930	19,022,151	1,172,767	42 15 1	12 1 6
1910	478,006	20,823,764	1,801,613	43 11 3	12 18 0
1911	522,251	23,381,014	2,557,250	44 15 4	14 1 5
1912	577,232	26,539,640	3,158,626	45 19 6	15 5 3
†1913	647,124	29,568,282	3,028,642	45 13 10	16 6 10
†1914	717,737	33,167,523	3,599,241	46 4 3	17 17 2
†1915	755,835	35,562,649	2,395,126	47 1 0	19 0 9
†1916	806,882	37,363,272	1,800,623	46 6 1	20 0 8
†1917	872,351	40,836,747	3,473,475	46 16 3	21 17 4
†30th Sep., 1917	†885,891	†41,287,811	†451,064	†46 12 1	†22 0 4
† „ 1916	†825,344	†37,466,046	†102,774	†45 7 11	†20 3 3

* Savings Bank of New South Wales at 31st December following.

† Includes returns from Savings Bank Branch of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

‡ Information at end of quarter.

No. 34.—State Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Train miles run.	Net Earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1907	3,453	44,700,230	2,209,665	12,949,068	3 5	41,413,084
1908	3,473	45,683,484	2,229,295	14,251,052	3 1½	47,487,030
1909	3,623	47,612,666	2,075,626	15,074,144	2 9	52,051,556
1910	3,643	48,925,348	2,209,306	15,468,026	2 10¼	53,644,271
1911	3,761	50,971,894	2,351,144	17,006,697	2 9½	60,919,628
1912	3,832	53,514,903	2,321,882	18,521,320	2 6	70,706,728
1913	3,930	57,653,778	2,104,104	19,184,247	2 2½	79,490,012
1914	3,967	61,264,869	2,332,421	20,549,695	2 3½	86,328,421
1915	4,134	65,583,274	2,305,349	20,420,023	2 3	88,774,451
1916	4,188	68,825,592	2,344,910	21,556,034	2 2½	92,850,838
1917	4,437	72,006,621	2,464,725	20,300,717	2 5½	96,709,846
* Sept., 1917	4,437	72,006,621	402,832	3,029,393	2 7½	20,433,030
* Dec., 1917	4,580	72,006,621	837,795	4,892,286	3 5	22,863,583
* „ 1916	4,309	63,825,592	504,901	4,558,711	2 2½	23,696,976

* Information at end of quarter.

No. 35.—State Tramways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Tramway miles run.	Net earnings per tram mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1907	129	3,669,524	180,754	16,620,434	0 2½	155,017,982
1908	133	3,732,991	202,929	17,521,410	0 2½	172,020,932
1909	151	4,252,731	222,005	18,853,621	0 2½	186,318,738
1910	166	4,668,797	201,981	20,579,386	0 2½	201,151,021
1911	190	5,121,586	221,682	22,541,429	0 2½	230,275,938
1912	195	5,664,324	249,980	24,362,219	0 2½	266,789,546
1913	208	6,699,305	182,376	26,954,767	0 1½	294,455,452
1914	212	7,628,653	265,131	28,415,476	0 2½	310,592,698
1915	220	7,970,293	374,774	26,842,974	0 3½	289,282,845
1916	221	8,166,423	388,978	26,451,442	0 3½	292,021,774
1917	224	8,309,629	317,172	25,361,992	0 3	295,303,714
* Sept., 1917	224	8,309,629	32,509	3,809,354	0 2	48,308,318
* Dec., 1917	225	8,309,629	97,015	5,665,573	0 4	65,620,900
* „ 1916	223	8,166,423	64,631	6,241,093	0 2½	73,255,913

* Information at end of quarter.

No. 36.—Area under Crop.

Season ended June.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane Cut for Crushing.	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	Potatoes.	All Crops. *
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1906	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	26,374	2,838,081
1907	1,866,253	174,115	56,431	10,378	458,172	4,951	36,815	2,824,211
1908	1,390,171	160,980	75,762	9,916	542,761	4,644	31,917	2,570,137
1909	1,394,056	180,812	59,881	6,951	715,896	4,472	26,301	2,713,971
1910	1,990,180	212,797	81,452	6,480	630,664	4,561	35,725	3,174,864
1911	2,128,826	213,217	77,991	5,596	638,577	4,354	44,452	3,381,921
1912	2,380,710	167,781	71,047	5,244	654,149	4,260	43,148	3,629,170
1913	2,231,514	176,471	85,175	6,137	947,062	4,403	34,124	3,737,269
1914	3,205,397	156,820	103,416	6,198	801,130	4,498	38,725	4,568,841
1915	2,758,024	143,663	43,476	6,012	785,944	4,113	30,418	4,808,627
1916	4,188,865	154,130	58,636	6,030	1,108,919	3,501	19,589	5,794,835

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 37.—Production of Crops.

Season ended June.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Potatoes.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	tons.	£
1906	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	50,386	6,543,050
1907	21,817,938	5,763,000	1,404,574	221,560	621,846	1,140,000	114,856	7,517,550
1908	9,155,884	4,527,852	851,776	277,390	376,800	778,500	55,882	6,587,990
1909	15,483,276	5,216,038	1,119,558	144,760	730,014	736,262	71,794	8,318,900
1910	28,532,029	7,098,255	1,966,586	131,081	981,201	808,870	100,143	10,908,320
1911	27,913,547	7,594,130	1,702,706	160,311	843,080	805,600	121,033	9,493,060
1912	25,088,102	4,507,342	1,155,226	147,799	728,474	850,210	75,166	9,748,820
1913	32,487,336	5,111,990	1,674,075	140,914	1,108,275	719,100	91,642	11,816,790
1914	38,020,381	4,453,309	1,835,406	185,970	955,047	561,100	106,849	12,377,650
1915	12,830,530	3,174,825	513,910	181,606	613,262	549,140	40,709	10,031,760
1916	66,764,910	3,773,600	1,345,698	157,748	1,573,938	571,000	44,445	20,362,360

No. 38.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Season ended June.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Potatoes.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	tons.	£ s. d.
1906	10'7	29'3	22'9	19'59	1'05	157	1'91	2 6 1
1907	11'7	33'1	24'9	21'34	1'36	230	3'11	2 13 3
1908	6'6	28'1	11'2	27'97	0'69	168	1'75	2 11 3
1909	11'1	28'8	18'7	20'83	1'02	165	2'73	3 1 3
1910	14'3	33'4	24'1	20'23	1'56	177	2'80	3 8 9
1911	13'1	35'6	21'8	28'65	1'32	185	2'72	2 16 2
1912	10'5	26'9	16'3	28'18	1'11	200	1'74	2 13 9
1913	14'6	29'0	19'7	22'96	1'17	163	2'68	3 3 3
1914	11'9	28'4	17'7	30'00	1'19	125	2'76	2 14 2
1915	4'7	22'1	11'8	30'21	0'78	134	1'34	2 1 9
Av'ge for 10 years	10'9	29'8	18'9	24'49	1'12	171	2'38	2 14 6
1916	15'9	24'5	23'0	26'16	1'42	163	2'27	3 10 3

No. 39.—Live Stock.

Period.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st Dec., 1904	482,663	591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
" 1905	506,884	644,164	1,693,809	39,506,704	310,702
" 1906	537,762	713,049	1,836,895	44,132,421	243,370
" 1907	578,326	756,916	1,994,277	44,461,839	216,145
" 1908	591,045	777,149	2,178,785	43,370,797	215,822
" 1909	604,784	794,549	2,233,178	46,202,578	237,849
" 1910	650,636	866,030	2,274,277	45,560,969	321,632
" 1911	689,004	894,744	2,299,492	44,947,287	371,093
" 1912	716,457	852,782	2,188,052	39,044,502	293,653
" 1913	746,170	822,667	2,000,073	39,850,223	288,090
30th June, 1915	733,341	850,957	1,626,635	33,009,038	286,704
" 1916	719,542	835,719	1,570,051	32,600,729	281,158

* The figures for the last nine years are made up as follow :—

Period.	Milch Cows.		Dry Dairy Cows.		Heifers within 3 months of calving.		Total Dairy Cows.
31st Dec., 1907	..	506,395	..	206,828	..	43,693	756,916
" 1908	..	527,843	..	208,840	..	40,466	777,149
" 1909	..	566,378	..	189,507	..	38,664	794,549
" 1910	..	632,786	..	193,657	..	39,587	866,030
" 1911	..	638,525	..	218,593	..	37,626	894,744
" 1912	..	620,730	..	201,310	..	30,742	852,782
" 1913	..	600,420	..	189,769	..	32,478	822,667
30th June, 1915	..	426,173	..	344,247	..	80,537	850,957
" 1916	..	426,227	..	317,368	..	92,124	835,719

No. 40.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1905	297,154,000	495,160	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,652,440
1906	325,441,000	487,830	58,941,137	5,389,345	11,843,595
1907	367,446,000	490,430	60,041,449	4,586,857	10,358,526
1908	338,129,000	420,630	61,380,876	4,763,360	9,488,299
1909	370,808,000	640,110	62,865,608	4,775,268	9,931,377
1910	415,338,000	742,200	76,624,830	5,191,089	12,620,067
1911	371,546,000	729,330	83,204,568	5,460,652	16,102,827
1912	326,804,000	568,500	76,609,528	5,454,685	16,526,376
1913	357,985,000	795,020	77,779,197	6,620,648	15,192,263
Jany. to June, 1914	131,810,000*	348,680*	42,427,000*	2,832,000*	6,587,000*
1914-15	318,935,000	711,850	84,134,280	6,356,627	15,327,048
1915-16	262,045,000	274,000	59,631,543	5,979,636	13,576,641

*Partly estimated.

No. 41.—Persons employed permanently in Rural Occupations.

Year ended 30th June.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Year ended 30th June.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
1905	108,638	19,492	128,130	1911	126,548	24,632	151,180
1906	111,625	19,817	131,442	1912	129,174	25,204	154,378
1907	117,522	21,341	138,863	1913	127,414	24,218	151,632
1908	120,106	20,809	140,915	1914	128,029	25,428	153,457
1909	119,836	22,317	142,153	1915	122,510	23,792	146,302
1910	123,769	22,573	146,342	1916	119,277	24,147	143,424

No. 42.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter† (Finest Quality).		Wool.		Tallow.
			Average Top.	Average Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
December, 1916	83 9	21 3 3	208	...	19½	2 1½	45 0
January, 1917	82 0	21 4 0	203	...	17½	2 1½	44 6
February, "	82 0	22 15 0	205	...	19½	1 11	43 5
March, "	82 0	23 5 6	209½	204½	20	2 2½	45 2
April, "	82 0	25 0 0	191	...	19½	2 3	46 9
May, "	83 0	27 17 0	192	...	18¾	2 3½	47 3
June, "	83 0	28 2 6	185	...	17½	2 1	46 10
July, "	84 0	28 18 6	191½	...	18½	2 2½	47 7
August, "	84 0	28 18 6	204½	...	18½	2 2½	49 11
September, "	77 6	*	\$206	...	†...	†...	†...
October, "	79 0	*	\$206	...	†...	†...	†...
November, "	79 0	*	\$220	...	†...	†...	†...
December, "	79 0	*	\$206	...	†...	†...	†...

* No quotations.

† Average price for Australian Butter only. No separate quote received for N.S. Wales Butter.

§ Proclaimed price.

‡ Not available.

No. 43.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).‡	Flour (In 150 lb. bags).	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.	Hay (Oaten).
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.
December, 1916...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9'0	10'8	2 8½	3 9½	4 1 3
January, 1917...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9'0	12'0	2 9¾	3 6½	3 16 9
February, "	4 10¾	11 2 6	9'0	12'0	2 9¾	3 3	3 18 3
March, "	4 10¾	11 2 6	9'0	12'0	2 10½	3 3	3 17 6
April, "	4 10¾	11 2 6	9'0	12'0	2 6½	3 0¾	4 2 6
May, "	4 10¾	11 1 9	8'8	13'2	2 10	3 3½	5 13 6
June, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	8'4	13'2	2 10¾	3 5	5 10 0
July, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	8'4	13'2	2 10¾	3 3¾	4 18 3
August, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	9'6	13'2	3 3¾	3 11¾	4 17 6
September, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	9'6	13'2	3 4½	4 4¾	5 1 3
October, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	9'6	13'2	3 6½	4 5½	4 5 9
November, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	9'6	13'2	3 6½	4 6½	5 6 9
December, "	4 10¾	11 0 0	9'6	13'2	3 8¾	5 2½	6 3 3
	Potatoes (Local).	Butter (Good Brands)	Cheese (Prime).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.	
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. s. d.	per doz. s. d.
December, 1916...	5 18 3	16	9½	12	8½	0 11	1 2¾
January, 1917...	6 0 0	16	9½	12	8½	0 9½	1 0½
February, "	5 7 6	16	9½	12	9¾	1 2¼	1 7
March, "	4 4 3	16	9½	12	10½	1 3	1 8½
April, "	5 16 9	16	9½	11¾	10¾	1 5	2 2¾
May, "	4 13 6	16½	9½	11¾	11½	1 7½	2 4¾
June, "	5 0 0	17	9½	10¾	11½	1 4½	1 9
July, "	4 13 3	17	9½	10½	11	1 3	1 5½
August, "	6 13 3	17	9½	11½	10½	0 11	1 0¾
September, "	6 1 9	16¾	10½	12	10½	0 10	0 11½
October, "	7 18 3	16½	11½	12	10½	0 9¼	0 10¾
November, "	* 5 14 3	16	10¾	12	10½	0 9½	1 0
December, "	4 6 9	16	9½	12	10½	0 10¾	1 18

§ Average official f.o.b. price for flour for home consumption. This includes 3½d. handling and commission charges; but city millers, handling grain for their own mills, obtain it for 1½d. per bushel less than the f.o.b. price. On March 25th the f.o.b. price was reduced to 4s. 10½d. per bushel, so that since that date the price for flour for home consumption has been 4s. 9d. per bushel (on trucks), Sydney.

* Amended since last issue.

No. 44.—Gold produced, January to December, and Minerals exported January to March.

Gold yield during the years 1916 and 1917.

Month.	1917.		1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to November	77,813	330,527	81,915	347,954
December	4,358	18,511	26,230	111,416
Total for year	82,171	349,038	108,145	459,370

Exports of Minerals during first quarter, 1917 and 1916.

Exports.	First Quarter, 1917.		First Quarter, 1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
Silver Ingots and Matte oz.	460,669	71,827	709,957	80,011
Silver-lead, Concentrates, &c. tons.	67,012	769,761	32,118	328,237
Lead, in Matte "	4,191	100,584	7,980	201,929
Zinc Concentrates "	60,268	267,819	30,252	143,788
Copper Ingots, and Ore* "	6,375	772,316	4,710	381,310
Tin Ingots and Ore* "	567	86,170	647	100,554
Coal—				
To Australian Ports "	651,489	453,388	615,600	323,734
„ Other "	292,460	215,512	268,853	154,691
Total, Export of Coal "	943,949	668,900	884,453	478,425
Grand Total ... .. £	.....	2,737,377	.....	1,714,254

* Information respecting total value of copper and tin ore imported or transferred to this State is not available.

No. 45.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1915 and 1916.

Minerals.	1915.		1916.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
		£		£	£	£
Metallic—						
Gold oz. fine	132,498	562,819	108,145	459,370	.....	103,449
Silver "	3,237,432	322,244	2,801,507	349,367	27,123	.....
Silver—Lead, Ore, Concentrates, &c. ton	282,777	2,309,418	249,849	2,935,624	626,206	.....
Lead—Pig, &c. "	30,305	689,439	25,466	799,632	110,193	.....
Zinc Spelter & Concentrates, "	190,916	1,111,569	209,741	961,849	.....	149,720
Tin Ingots and Ore "	2,188	266,780	2,129	306,497	39,717	.....
Copper, Matte, Ingots, and Ore "	6,793	234,437	6,171	586,127	351,690	.....
Antimony and Ore "	637	12,519	616	13,334	815	.....
Bismuth "	18	4,981	30	5,473	492	.....
Wolfram "	50	5,031	183	31,163	26,132	.....
Scheelite "	33	4,004	81	13,719	9,715	.....
Molybdenite "	32	16,937	54	22,066	5,129	.....
Platinum oz.	56	476	82	687	211	.....
Iron ton	76,318	267,000	52,556	197,085	.....	69,915
Iron Oxide "	2,294	3,774	2,461	2,695	.....	1,079
Ironstone Flux ... .. "	.....	.....	1,472	1,083	1,083	.....
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	9,449,008	3,424,630	8,127,161	3,336,419	.....	88,211
Coke "	417,753	313,241	437,587	387,571	74,330	.....
Kerosene Shale "	15,474	12,890	17,425	17,772	4,882	.....
Alunite "	1,420	5,680	325	1,980	.....	3,700
Limestone Flux "	71,720	15,631	64,928	20,700	5,069	.....
Marble ... .. "	.....	4,187	.....	1,625	.....	2,562
Diamonds carat	839	707	1,901	1,375	668	.....
Opal ... .. "	.....	6,403	.....	21,273	14,870	.....
Sundry Minerals ... .. "	.....	8,433	.....	41,370	32,937	.....
Total ... .. £	.....	9,603,230	.....	10,515,856	1,331,262	418,636
					Net increase.	912,626

NOTE.—The above table does not include lime and Portland cement, valued at £461,339 and £459,886 respectively, in 1915 and 1916. Those items are included in the manufacturing returns.

No. 46.—Value of Minerals Produced, and Total Miners Employed.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.	Total Miners Employed.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	No.
1906	1,078,866	2,862,973	789,527	255,744	2,337,227	7,912,716	42,546
1907	1,050,730	3,915,946	727,774	293,305	2,922,419	10,295,290	43,758
1908	954,854	2,160,195	502,812	205,447	3,353,093	8,384,149	38,965
1909	869,546	1,653,615	424,737	211,029	2,618,596	7,403,210	36,405
1910	802,211	1,861,479	486,257	228,156	3,009,657	8,455,170	37,413
1911	769,353	2,442,764	590,102	307,089	3,167,165	9,409,519	37,017
1912	702,129	3,481,266	579,791	338,074	3,660,015	11,228,677	37,858
1913	635,703	3,808,125	598,733	421,292	3,770,375	11,651,407	38,880
1914	528,873	3,241,263	274,671	267,130	3,737,761	10,038,020	36,467
1915	562,819	2,631,662	234,437	266,780	3,424,630	9,603,230	31,411
1916	459,370	3,284,991	586,127	306,497	3,336,419	10,515,856	31,304

No. 47.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of the whole year 1901 are adopted as basis, and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1916.			
December	1,981	2,073	2,098
1917.			
January	2,049	2,147	2,019
February	2,064	2,196	2,083
March	2,061	2,182	2,125
April	2,049	2,193	2,128
May	2,089	2,200	2,184
June	2,078	2,163	2,190
July	2,083	2,173	2,193
August	2,128	2,204	2,203
September	*	*	*
October	*	*	*
November	*	*	*
December	*	*	*

* Not available.

No. 48.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Persons Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1905	3,700	56,111	16,064	72,175	8,031,948	5,191,350	30,028,150
1906	3,861	59,979	17,843	77,822	8,407,337	5,591,888	34,796,169
1907	4,432	65,953	20,514	86,467	9,155,772	6,650,715	40,018,301
1908	4,453	67,616	21,482	89,098	9,718,842	7,218,556	40,163,826
1909	4,581	69,184	22,518	91,702	10,330,724	7,665,125	42,960,689
1910	4,821	75,384	24,327	99,711	11,578,620	8,687,007	49,615,643
1911	5,039	82,083	26,541	108,624	12,510,600	10,047,662	54,346,011
1912	5,162	88,178	27,383	115,561	13,795,195	11,592,052	61,163,328
1913	5,346	93,036	27,364	120,400	14,861,676	12,683,384	65,672,495
1914-15	5,269	90,409	26,202	116,611	16,866,982	12,667,721	68,253,332
* 1915-16	5,210	87,724	28,677	116,401	18,211,104	† 13,413,845	70,989,864

* See also Table 52.

† Of this amount males received £11,888,023, and females £1,525,817.

No. 49.—Manufacturing Industries, 1916-17.

Class of Industry.	Establishments.	Persons Employed.			Salaries and Wages.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	257	3,553	101	3,654	456,511
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	37	1,022	264	1,286	149,093
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	279	5,245	84	5,329	673,194
Working in Wood	642	6,922	94	7,016	844,724
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	598	26,796	464	27,260	4,241,522
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	779	11,358	4,065	15,423	1,835,059
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	1,039	7,215	18,978	26,193	2,053,820
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	457	6,944	2,570	9,514	1,063,302
Musical Instruments, &c.	14	385	49	434	59,182
Arms and Explosives	5	1,406	4	1,410	239,492
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	438	3,895	154	4,049	403,901
Ship and Boat Building	35	4,208	20	4,228	681,250
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	256	3,116	533	3,649	393,758
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	109	1,080	792	1,872	201,805
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	17	106	40	146	17,336
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	52	599	90	689	89,171
Heat, Light, and Power	200	3,365	24	3,389	523,987
Leatherware, n.e.i.	25	418	184	602	57,703
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	94	1,065	524	1,589	151,797
Total	5,333	88,698	29,034	117,732	14,196,607†
	Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant, 1916-17.	Value of Materials used, 1915-16.	Value of Fuel Consumed, 1915-16.	Value of Goods Manufactured or work done, 1915-16.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials, 1915-16.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	436,484	†5,105,713	48,105	6,083,338	929,520
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	362,441	1,002,745	26,221	1,409,467	380,501
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	1,188,178	418,683	209,186	1,862,081	1,234,212
Working in Wood	835,012	2,082,415	24,022	3,264,952	1,158,515
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	5,695,381	9,854,145	536,884	17,518,290	7,127,261
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	3,854,246	17,172,757	209,142	21,730,548	4,348,649
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	629,849	3,900,080	47,613	7,127,092	3,179,399
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	1,278,659	1,193,036	43,009	3,019,964	1,783,919
Musical Instruments, &c.	14,531	69,255	250	148,075	78,570
Arms and Explosives	144,913	58,229	4,932	356,529	293,368
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	167,177	445,449	15,284	1,129,517	668,784
Ship and Boat Building	716,186	190,744	16,782	797,608	590,082
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	87,582	555,423	8,868	1,108,604	544,313
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	253,006	912,674	16,592	1,484,730	555,464
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	7,930	7,023	331	30,458	23,104
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	27,913	103,274	1,800	242,923	137,849
Heat, Light, and Power	3,549,549	639,493	312,961	2,814,328	1,861,874
Leatherware, n.e.i.	13,780	174,462	1,047	281,288	105,779
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	109,613	341,479	5,191	580,072	233,402
Total	£19,372,430	44,227,079	1,528,220	70,989,864	25,234,565*

* If £307,527, the value of production of articles already included in primary industries, be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £24,927,038. † Including value of wool treated. ‡ Of this amount, males received £12,546,052, and females £1,650,555.

No. 50.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901-1916.

Class of Industry.	1901. (Census Year)	1911.	1913.	1914-15.	1915-16.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of	337,739	649,759	769,225	747,916	929,520
Pastoral Pursuits, &c.					
Oils and Fats, &c. ...	160,718	266,094	237,368	293,626	380,501
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	422,272	1,083,972	1,322,277	1,324,104	1,234,212
Working in Wood ...	649,149	1,168,333	1,424,728	1,298,120	1,158,515
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	2,443,432	4,864,882	6,344,674	6,158,527	7,127,261
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	2,237,369	3,463,455	4,049,533	4,712,822	4,041,122
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material	1,091,244	2,517,160	2,794,473	2,811,056	3,179,399
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	950,771	1,440,173	1,784,055	1,542,454	1,783,919
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	22,309	76,596	89,115	75,316	78,570
Arms and Explosives ...	1,480	2,531	51,406	108,322	293,368
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	266,016	607,307	697,406	633,981	668,784
Ship and Boat Building ...	148,800	370,490	562,117	768,398	590,082
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	220,434	516,082	614,105	558,196	544,313
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	74,006	400,454	461,909	488,592	555,464
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ..	17,304	19,172	18,914	18,576	23,104
Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Plated-ware ...	24,698	125,261	142,749	130,652	137,849
Heat, Light, and Power ...	624,567	1,373,532	1,868,391	2,058,987	1,861,874
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	12,243	67,373	89,030	98,238	105,779
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	37,047	129,837	160,895	183,123	233,402
Total ...	£ 9,741,598	19,142,463	23,482,370	24,011,006	24,927,038

NOTE.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 51.—Value of Production—Principal Industries—1891-1915-16.

The following figures represent the estimated Value of Production from the various Industries at the place of production. The figures are not exact, but are considered the best approximations from the data available.

(In thousands, 000 omitted.)

Year.	Pastoral.	Agricultural.	Mining.	Dairying.	Minor—Poultry, Bees, Rabbits.	Forests and Fisheries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing (Value added to raw materials).	Total All Industries.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1891	14,725	3,615	6,434	2,735	*	758	28,267	7,799	36,066
1896	11,774	5,374	4,405	2,540	*	715	24,874	7,302	32,176
1897	11,823	6,250	4,616	2,653	*	750	26,092	8,079	34,171
1898	13,219	4,875	4,756	2,758	*	800	26,408	8,425	34,833
1899	14,527	5,609	5,960	2,543	*	639	29,278	9,207	38,485
1900	13,707	5,836	6,362	3,617	*	796	30,338	9,656	39,994
1901	12,552	7,060	5,681	3,046	*	733	29,072	9,742	38,814
1902	10,731	4,139	5,102	3,403	*	695	24,070	10,000	34,070
1903	12,777	8,359	5,958	3,276	*	779	31,149	9,601	40,750
1904	13,373	5,414	6,243	2,753	799	900	29,482	9,899	39,381
1905	17,113	6,543	6,897	3,123	1,228	1,190	36,094	10,631	46,725
1906	19,743	7,518	7,913	3,425	1,693	1,536	41,828	11,906	53,734
1907	22,281	6,588	10,295	3,567	1,708	1,382	45,821	13,481	59,302
1908	18,846	8,319	8,384	4,064	1,732	1,165	42,510	13,633	56,143
1909	19,040	10,908	7,403	3,983	1,990	1,096	44,420	14,536	58,956
1910	21,028	9,493	8,455	4,796	2,119	1,108	46,999	16,794	63,793
1911	19,434	9,749	9,410	5,215	2,055	1,195	47,058	19,143	66,201
1912	19,440	11,817	11,229	5,758	2,089	1,303	51,636	22,464	74,100
1913	20,738	12,378	11,651	5,455	2,416	1,400	54,038	23,482	77,520
1914-15	18,848	10,031	9,603	6,231	2,301	1,307	48,321	24,011	72,332
1915-16	21,576	20,362	10,516	5,473	3,215	1,370	62,512	24,927	87,439

* Prior to 1904 included with the Dairying Industry.

No. 52.—Education.

Year.	Public Schools.				Private Schools.		
	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Expenditure by State on Education.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.
				£			
1906 ...	2,885	5,758	207,298	881,581	852	3,557	58,707
1907 ...	2,918	5,918	209,229	922,295	806	3,524	57,440
1908 ...	3,002	6,012	214,495	1,085,020	792	3,501	57,111
1909 ...	3,075	6,176	213,739	1,109,939	789	3,633	58,361
1910 ...	3,105	6,262	214,776	1,191,713	774	3,602	59,247
1911 ...	3,125	6,517	221,810	1,242,576	756	3,659	60,963
1912 ...	3,234	7,048	228,529	1,589,986	754	3,673	61,744
1913 ...	3,285	7,261	241,784	1,686,155	733	3,593	64,591
1914 ...	3,258	7,404	252,697	1,721,441	717	3,674	64,577
1915 ...	3,254	7,890	258,017	1,686,882	718	3,682	64,863
1916 ...	3,188	7,830	264,713	1,860,518	701	3,678	67,704

No. 53.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters and Letter Cards carried.	Post Cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, Books, and Parcels carried.	Miles of Telegraph and Telephone Line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1906 ...	2,288	115,062,748	12,621,096	47,144,094	25,201,131	15,417	4,452,506
1907 ...	2,319	122,130,948	15,097,710	48,340,646	37,191,554	15,910	4,894,283
1908 ...	2,368	134,684,520	14,969,312	50,461,252	38,330,311	16,338	5,149,763
1909 ...	2,397	139,058,694	12,511,546	56,002,764	38,849,363	17,087	5,177,962
1910 ...	2,437	151,315,512	12,438,544	66,963,559	40,609,036	17,615	5,607,178
1911 ...	2,490	*189,656,401		71,619,194	38,032,322	18,253	5,863,560
1912 ...	2,559	*192,996,376		68,696,648	34,755,556	18,268	6,364,990
1913 ...	2,596	*212,639,659		64,874,811	40,902,342	19,254	6,573,667
1914 ...	2,623	*217,907,644		66,216,699	36,576,538	20,828	6,703,019
1915-16 ...	2,640	*219,525,661		72,067,335	35,881,119	†	7,027,084
1916-17 ...	2,588	*259,185,729		68,546,782	31,136,805	†	7,152,913

* Includes all articles registered.

† Not available.

No. 54.—Prices of Food—Sydney.

Article	Unit.	Average Retail Price in Sydney.									
		1917.						1916.	1915.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.		
Bread	2-lb. loaf.	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4
Flour	25-lb. bag.	3 3'7	3 4	3 4	3 4	3 4	3 6'2	3 4	3 8'6		
„ self-raising ...	2 lb.	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6'4	0 6'2	0 5'9	0 6'6		
Tea	lb.	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6		
Coffee and Chicory ...	„	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 5'7		
Cocoa	½ lb.	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'9	0 4'6	0 4'4		
Sugar (small quantities)	lb.	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3		
Rice	„	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'2	0 3'1		
Sago	„	0 3'7	0 3'9	0 4'4	0 4'2	0 4'4	0 4'7	0 3'4	0 2'7		
Jam (Australian) ...	„	0 5'7	0 5'7	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'7	0 5'8	0 5'4		
Oatmeal	5 lb. bag.	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 5		
Raisins	lb.	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'6	0 7'6	0 7'9	0 6'7		
Currants	„	0 8'4	0 8'2	0 8'2	0 8'2	0 8'1	0 8'1	0 8'6	0 9'1		
Starch	„	0 7'1	0 7'1	0 6'7	0 7	0 7	0 7	0 7	0 5'5		
Blue	doz. sqs.	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 10	0 10	0 9'2	0 9'2		
Candles	lb.	0 9	0 9'4	0 9'5	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'7	0 8'2	0 7		
Soap	„	0 4'4	0 4'1	0 4'1	0 4'1	0 3'8	0 4'2	0 3'5	0 3		
Potatoes	14 lb.	1 3	1 5	1 5'5	1 6	1 6'5	1 5'3	1 4	2 3'5		
Onions	lb.	0 1'5	0 2	0 2'2	0 3'3	0 2'5	0 1'7	0 1'5	0 1'5		
Kerosene	gallon.	1 10'4	1 10'9	2 0'1	2 0'2	2 0'2	2 0'3	1 8'4	1 1'7		
Milk	quart.	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 5		
Butter	lb.	1 7'5	1 7'7	1 7'2	1 6'9	1 6'4	1 6'5	1 6'2	1 6'4		
Cheese (new & matured)	„	1 1'4	1 1'6	1 1'7	1 2	1 1'2	1 0'5	0 11'1	1 0'9		
Eggs, new laid ...	doz.	1 9'4	1 3'3	1 1'5	1 1'7	1 2'5	1 4'5	1 6'2	1 7'5		
„ fresh	„	1 6'2	1 0'3	0 11'1	0 10'7	0 11'5	1 1'5	1 3	1 6		
Bacon (middle cut) ...	lb.	1 2'7	1 3'6	1 4'2	1 4'2	1 4'2	1 4'2	1 5'1	1 5		
„ (shoulder) ...	„	0 10'5	0 10'7	0 10'8	0 11	0 10'8	0 11	0 11'9	1 1'1		
Ham	„	1 4'5	1 4'9	1 5'2	1 5	1 5	1 6'1	1 5'7	1 6'6		
Beef, fresh—Sirloin ...	„	0 10'5	0 11'7	1 0'1	1 0	0 11'3	0 11	0 10'5	0 11'2		
„ Ribs	„	0 8'5	0 9'9	0 10'9	0 10'5	0 9'8	0 9'5	0 9'1	0 8'9		
„ Gravy	„	0 7	0 8	0 9'6	0 9'2	0 9	0 8'5	0 7'7	0 7'7		
Steak—Rump ...	„	1 2'5	1 3'4	1 4	1 4	1 3'9	1 3	1 1	1 1'4		
„ Shoulder ...	„	0 9	0 9'6	0 9'7	0 9'6	0 9'5	0 9	0 8'2	0 7'9		
Beef (corned round) ...	„	0 9'7	0 10'5	0 9'8	0 9'4	0 9'1	0 9'2	0 9	0 9'6		
Mutton—Leg ...	„	0 7'7	0 8'7	0 9'2	0 9'1	0 8'8	0 8'2	0 7'9	0 6'7		
„ Shoulder ...	„	0 6'5	0 7'7	0 8	0 7'7	0 7'3	0 7	0 6'7	0 6		
„ Loin	„	0 8'5	0 9'7	0 10'4	0 10'1	0 9'6	0 9'2	0 8'3	0 6'9		
„ Neck	„	0 7	0 7'9	0 9'1	0 9'1	0 8'5	0 8'5	0 7'5	0 6'2		
Chops—Loin ...	„	0 9'2	0 10'3	0 11	0 10'7	0 10'3	0 10	0 9'6	0 8		
„ Leg	„	0 8'7	0 10'8	0 11	0 10'7	0 10'3	0 9'9	0 8'7	0 8		
„ Neck	„	0 7'2	0 8'3	0 9'2	0 8'9	0 8'3	0 8	0 7'5	0 6'6		
Lamb—Forequarter ...	„	0 8	0 9	0 10	0 9'5	0 9	0 8'5	0 8	0 6'4		
„ Hindquarter ...	„	0 9	0 10	0 11	0 11	0 10'8	0 9'5	0 9'4	0 7'4		
Pork, fresh—Leg ...	„	1 0	1 1'5	1 1'7	1 2'2	1 1'5	1 1'5	1 1'3	1 0		
„ Chops	„	1 2'5	1 4'1	1 4'9	1 5	1 4'8	1 4	1 1'2	1 0		

NOTE.—The above averages are based on city prices; the suburban rates are higher. Prices of Groceries represent the rates ruling about the 15th of each month.

No. 55.—Current Rates of Wages.

NOTE.—The rates of wages shown below, with few exceptions, have been fixed by Wages Boards.

Bakers (bread)—68/- to 90/- per week; (apprentices), 10/- to 40/- per week; (biscuit factories), 62/6 to 67/6 per week.	Waiters, 27/6 to 51/6 per week.	Hotel employees provided with board, or 14s. per week additional in lieu thereof.
Blacksmiths, 52/6 to 80/- per week.	Waitresses, 7/6 to 24/- per week.	
Boilermakers—1/4½ to 1/6 per hour, 1d. per hour additional, dirt money.	Barmen, 41/6 per week.	
Bookbinders, 62/6 to 70/- per week.	Barmaids, 29/- per week.	
Boot & Shoe makers—Male, 1/4½ per hr.; females, 31/- to 38/6 per week.	Storemen, 42/6 to 50/- per week.	
Brass Finishers, 1/3 to 1/7 per hour.	Kitchenmen, 41/6 to 45/- per week.	
Brassmoulders, 1/3 and 1/4½ per hour.	Ironmongers. (See "Shop Assistants.")	
Bread-carters (42 to 54 hours per week), min. 57/- to 75/-	Ironworkers, 1/1½ to 1/6½ per hour.	
Brewery and Aerated Water Factory Hands, adult males, 41/- to 62/- per week; adult females, 20/- per week.	Jam Factory Workers—	
Bricklayers, 1/8 to 2/- per hour.	Males, adults, 54/- to 70/-; boys, 20/- to 36/- per week, or piece-work rates.	
Brick-carters, 1 horse, 55/6 per week; 2 horses, 60/- per week; 3 horses, 67/6; 4 horses, 75/-; 4/- per week extra for each additional horse.	Females, adults, 23/-; girls, 17/-; female fillers, 25/- and 33/- per week.	
Brickmakers—	Labourers—General, 1/-, 1/1½, 1/3 to 1/9 per hour.	
Burners, 11/3 to 17/3 per shift; machine men, 1/4½ to 1/5½ per hr.; pitmen, 1/5 to 1/6½ per hr.	Letter-press Machinists, min. 55/- to 65/- per wk.	
Brushmakers, 1/5 to 1/7 per hour, or 66/- to 70/- per week, or piece-work rates.	Lithographers, min. 62/6 and 75/- per week.	
Butchers (city), without board, 60/- to 72/6	Malt-house Hands, 48/- to 60/- per week.	
" (country), 55/- to 70/-	Marble-workers, 1/5½ to 1/7½ per hour.	
" Slaughtermen—Mutton 19/9 to 33/- per hundred; Beef, £5; Pork, £5 per week.	Masons and Stone-cutters, 1/7½ to 1/9½ per hour.	
Carpenters and Joiners, 1/8 to 1/9½ per hour; bridge work, 1/8, 1/9½, and 1/11 per hour.	Millers (Bread), 63/- to 83/6 per week;	
Carters. (See "Trolley and Draymen.")	(Engineers), 10/- to 11/6 per day.	
Cabinetmakers, min. 67/-.	Navvies, 8/- to 9/6 per day.	
Chairmakers, min. 67/-.	Painters (General), 1/6½ per hour.	
Cigarmakers, 2/6 to 7/6 per 100, acc'dg to shape.	Patternmakers, 1/6½ to 1/8 per hour.	
Clerks—Males, 63/-; females, 35/- per week.	Plasterers, 1/9 to 1/10 per hour.	
" Junior (15 to 23 years)—Males, 12/6 to 63/-; females, 12/6 to 35/- per week.	Plumbers, Journeymen, 1/8 to 2/- per hour.	
Coach-painters, 1/4½ per hour.	Quarrymen, 1/8 per hour.	
Coachsmiths, 1/4½ per hour.	Saw-mill Employees—Machinists, 61/6 to 75/-;	
Coal-lumpers, 1/7½ per hour, day work; 2/3 per hour, night work.	Saw Sharpeners, 60/6 to 74/-; Sawyers, 60/6 to 72/- per week.	
Coke-lumpers, 1/7½; night work, 2/3 per hour.	Shop Assistants (Metropolitan and Newcastle)	
Compositors (hand)—Journeymen, 73/6 per week.	Males, 10/- to 65/-; Females, 8/- to 43/9 per wk.	
" " Piecework, 1/2½ to 1/3½ per 1,000 ens.	Shop Assistants (Metropolitan Drapers, &c.), adults—Males, 57/- to 66/6 per week.	
Compositors (machine)—Linotype (newspapers), (piece rate) 3½d., (jobbing), 3½d. per 1,000 ens.	Females, 27/6 to 38/6 per week.	
" " Operators, 1/8 to 1/9 per hour.	Slaters and Tilers, 1/7½ to 1/9 per hour.	
Coopers (piecework, log rates), 1/4½ to 1/6½ per hr.	Stevedores—Foremen, £4 and £5 per week.	
Coppersmiths, 1/6 to 1/8 per hour.	Storemen, per week—Wharf, 61/6: Wool, 62/- to 70/6; Bonded Store, 60/-; Produce (Retail other than Grocery) Storemen, 54/- to 65/-; Packer, 54/- to 61/-; Grocery, 50/-; Hardware, 58/6 to 90/-; Packer, 60/-; Softgoods (Wholesale) Storemen, 58/6 to 88/6; Packer, 55/- to 90/-; Wine and Spirit Storemen, 56/6 to 68/6.	
Dockers and Painters, 1/3 to 1/8 per hour; overtime, time and half.	Tailors—Journeymen, 60/- to 67/6 per week, or log rates.	
Drapers. (See "Shop Assistants.")	" Cutters & Trimmers, 57/6 to 85/- per wk.	
Electricians—Mechanics, 1/3½ to 1/8½ per hour.	" Pressers, 54/- to 65/- per week.	
Fitters, 1/8½ per hour.	" Piece-work—log rates.	
Engine-drivers (staty., &c.), 1/0½ to 1/9½ per hour.	Tailoresses (coat hands), order, 30/- to 38/- per wk.	
Firemen " 1/0½, 1/2½, and 1/3 to 1/7 per hour.	" (trousers hands), order, 25/- to 34/- p. wk.	
Farriers—Firemen, 1/5½ to 1/7 per hour.	" Ready-made clothing for men—	
" Floormen, 1/4½ to 1/5½ "	Journeywomen on coats, 32/6 p. wk.	
French-polishers, 67/- per week.	Journeywomen on trousers and vests, 28/- per week.	
Glass-workers, 1/3½ to 1/7 per hour.	" Piece-work—log rates.	
Galvanised Iron-workers, 1/2 per hour.	Textile Workers—Males, 52/6; fem., 26/- per wk.	
Grocers. (See "Shop Assistants.")	Tinsmiths, 1/0½ to 1/4½ per hour.	
Hairdressers (52 hours per week), 58/- to 68/-	Trolley and Draymen—Coal Carters—1 horse, 52/- to 59/- per week; 2 horses, 55/- to 64/- per week; 3/- per week for each extra horse.	
Hotel, Club, Restaurant, & Tea Room Employees—	Timber-carters, 1 horse, 60/6; 2 horses, 65/6; 3 horses, 69/-; 4 horses, 72/6 per week.	
Cooks (male), 44/3 to 100/- per week.	Casual Drivers—1 horse, 11/- per day, with 1/- per day extra for each additional horse.	
Cooks (female), 20/- to 3-fifths rate for males, per week.	Tip-carters, 1 horse, 50/- to 60/-; 2 horses, 55/- to 65/-; 6d. per day extra for each additional horse.	
	Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.	
	Upholsterers, 67/- to 73/- per week.	
	Wharf Labourers—Casual employees, 1/9 per hour; constant or weekly hands, 3/16 per week.	
	Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour.	

No. 55.—Current Rates of Wages—continued.

Coal Miners.

The employees in the Coal-mines in New South Wales work under Agreements or Awards. The rate paid to miners varies according to the selling price of coal per ton ruling at the time, and also according to the conditions of the seams or places where the coal is mined.

Coal-mines, Northern District—

Miners, $3/5\frac{2}{5}$ to $5/2\frac{1}{10}$ per ton.
 „ coal-cutting machines, $13/2$ to $15/6$ per day
 „ „ $10/11$ per day.
 Deputies, $16/-$ to $16/6$ per day.
 Shot-firers, $14/11$ to $15/6$ per day.
 Waste-examiners, $14/11$ to $15/6$ per day.
 Engine-drivers—
 Winding and loco. engines, $14/5$ per day.
 Other engines, $12/-$ to $14/5$ per day.
 Shiftmen, $10/11$ to $15/6$ per day.
 Wheelers, $10/6$ to $11/8$ per day.
 Flatters, $10/11$ per day.
 Water-bailers, $10/11$ per day.
 Hand-pumpers, $10/11$ per day.
 Set riders, $13/2$ per day.
 Rolleyway men, $10/11$ to $13/2$ per day.
 Roadlayers, $11/4$ to $13/2$ per day.
 Waggon packers, $10/11$ per day.
 Banksmen, $12/7$ per day.
 Shunters, $10/11$ per day.
 Screenmen, $10/11$ per day.
 Labourers, $10/11$ to $11/5$ per day.
 Boys and Youths, $4/4$ to $10/4$ per day.

Coal-mines, Southern District—

Miners, $2/9\frac{3}{8}$ per ton.
 Overmen (underground), £5 to £6 10s. per week.
 Deputy Overmen, £4 17s. 6d. per week.
 Shotfirers, 15s. per day.
 Shiftmen, $14/1$ per day.
 Onsetters, $12/6$ per day.
 Banksmen, $12/2\frac{1}{2}$ per day.
 Screenmen, $10/11$ per day.
 Mechanics, $12/7\frac{3}{4}$ to $15/4$ per day.
 Engineers, $12/6$ to $16/8$ per day.
 Engine-drivers—Winding, $14/5$ per day.
 „ Haulage, $13/2$ per day.
 Stokers and firemen, $10/11$ to $12/-$ per day.
 Locomotive engine-drivers, $14/5$ per day.
 „ „ stokers, $12/-$ per day.
 Platelayers, $10/11$ per day.
 Furnaceman, $10/11$ per day.
 Harness-makers, $11/6$ per day.
 Wheelers, $12/-$ per day.
 Water-bailers, $12/-$ per day.
 Stablemen, $10/11$ per day.
 Labourers, $10/11$ per day.
 Flatters, $12/-$ per day.
 Trappers, $4/4$ per day.
 Boys, $5/4$ per day.

Interstate and Intercolonial Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £20; 2nd, £13 to £17;
 3rd, £12/10/- to £13.
 Firemen, £10 to £11/10/-
 Trimmers, £8 to £9/5/-

Engineers, chief, £18 to £39/2/-; 2nd, £17/10/-
 to £25/6/-; 3rd, £15/10/- to £20/14/-
 Able Seamen, £8 to £9/5/-
 „ „ (sailing ships), £5 to £6.

State (New South Wales) Steamers (per month).

Officers, Chief, £13 to £18; 2nd, £11 to £15.
 Engineers, £16/2/- to £39/2/- per month.
 Firemen, £7 to £10/10/-
 Donkeymen, £10 to £11.

Able Seamen and Trimmers, £7 to £9/14/-
 „ „ „ (sailing ship), £5
 to £6.

Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.

Boundary Riders, 20/- to 25/-
 Bullock Drivers, 25/- to 35/-
 Bush Carpenters, 30/- to 35/-
 Cooks (station), 25/- to 35/-
 Country Blacksmiths—
 Station, 35/-
 General (without rations), 50/- to 60/-
 Milkers, 20/- to 30/-
 Farm Labourers, 25/- to 30/-
 Harvest Hands, accdg. to experience, 7/- to 12/-
 per day.

Horse-team Drivers, 25/- to 30/-
 Married Couples—
 When wife cooks, £104 to £110.
 Rouseabouts, 20/- to 30/-
 Orchard Hands, 20/- to 30/-
 Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 24/-
 Stockmen, £52 to £65.
 Useful Boys, 15/- to 20/- (age 15 to 18).
 Vignerons, £52 to £55.

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)—
 Station, 20/- to 25/-
 Private house, 20/- to 25/-
 Boarding-house, 25/- to 35/-
 Cook and Laundress, 20/- to 25/-
 House and Parlour Maid, 15/- to 23/-

General Servants (aged 18 years and upwards),
 12/6 to 28/6
 Nursemaids (aged 15 to 20 years), 10/- to 15/-
 Useful Girls (aged 15 to 18 years), 8/- to 12/6.
 Gardeners, 25/- to 30/-
 Grooms and Coachmen, 20/- to 30/-

No. 56.—Meteorology.

District.	December, 1917.					December — (Mean, 1907-1916).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
North Coast—	deg.	deg.	deg.	inches.		deg.	inches.		deg.	inches.
Grafton ...	(Fahr.)	(Fahr.)	(Fahr.)			(Fahr.)			(Fahr.)	
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton...	73°0	81°8	64°2	4·27	12	76°0	4·24	7	67°5	34°18
Cumberland—										
Sydney ...	...	...	...	2°55	8	75°0	3·22	6	64°1	29°19
South Coast—										
Bega ...	70°4	77°3	63°5	1°76	9	70°7	3·44	13	63°0	48°08
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale ...	67°5	80°0	54°9	1°87	8	67°9	2°67	7	60°5	32°65
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst...	64°5	75°6	53°3	2°02	8	66°7	3·24	8	56°3	31°82
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn ...	64°2	81°2	47°2	1°66	10	68°2	2°39	6	57°2	23°52
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah ...	65°8	78°3	53°2	1°16	8	66°5	2°70	8	56°1	24°79
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo ...	74°1	88°2	59°9	3°13	7	77°9	3°08	6	65°4	24°34
South-western Slope—										
Wagga ...	72°6	85°4	59°7	1°51	7	76°1	2°16	5	63°5	22°21
North-western Plain—										
Moree ...	70°2	87°6	52°7	1°59	3	73°3	1°52	5	62°1	21°04
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble ...	75°5	89°1	61°8	3°45	6	79°8	2°57	6	67°3	23°15
Riverina—										
Deniliquin ...	77°3	91°9	62°6	2°11	4	78°9	2°49	5	65°9	19°49
	73°9	87°0	60°8	0°72	4	71°9	0°93	4	61°7	16°02

No. 57.—New Buildings erected in Metropolis—Annual.

Year.	Returns of Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.		Municipal Returns.			
	Buildings erected and assessed.	Cost of Buildings, including additions to old Buildings.	Buildings for which permission to build was granted.	Estimated Cost of New Buildings.	Estimated Cost of Alter- ations and Additions.	Total Cost, Buildings, Alterations, and Additions.
		£		£	£	£
1910 ...	4,419	2,439,000	...	...	...	...
1911 ...	6,006	3,604,000	...	...	...	...
1912 ...	7,773	5,069,000	8,339	4,988,000	636,000	5,624,000
1913 ...	7,853	5,917,000	9,342	6,512,000	815,000	7,327,000
1914 ...	8,831	6,162,000	8,548	5,236,000	586,000	5,822,000
1915 ...	6,141	4,664,000	6,066	3,850,000	548,000	4,398,000
1916 ...	5,943	4,037,000	5,051	3,395,000	519,000	3,914,000
1917 ...	4,331	3,184,000	4,811	3,150,000	341,000	3,491,000

No. 58.—New Buildings—Metropolis—Monthly.

Month.	1917.			1916.		
	City.	Suburbs.		City.	Suburbs.	
		No.	Value.		No.	Value.
			£			£
January ...	3	366	195,596	12	439	232,990
February ...	13	398	212,773	8	448	231,566
March ...	12	520	297,607	11	489	233,142
April ...	4	427	269,157	8	426	213,335
May ...	11	444	316,103	11	511	304,887
June ...	8	467	295,682	8	402	220,808
July ...	9	490	303,557	6	508	297,261
August ...	5	346	245,066	6	510	305,343
September ...	4	302	183,639	8	378	231,807
October ...	5	375	231,376	3	293	158,173
November ...	11	396	238,699	7	280	155,826
December ...	3	192	121,013	2	277	166,478
Total (12 months)	88	4,723	2,910,268	90	4,961	2,751,616

No. 59.—New Buildings—Metropolis—each Municipality.

NUMBER and Value of New Buildings and of Alterations and Additions in each Municipality during the twelve months January to December.

Municipality.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1916.	New Buildings (to erect which permission granted).				Alterations and Additions.			
		1917.		1916.		1917.		1916.	
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
City of Sydney ...	106,000	88	£ x	90	£ x	440	£ x	478	£ x
Alexandria ...	11,410	20	18,525	27	17,445	52	3,392	37	1,148
Annandale ...	12,400	16	7,520	29	12,446	10	305	17	4,355
Ashfield ...	27,680	261	173,349	208	143,309	151	7,210	96	5,243
Balmain ...	33,250	26	18,740	42	56,290	71	2,906	81	5,414
Bexley ...	10,660	164	81,970	157	65,934	39	1,920	69	3,589
Botany ...	5,670	31	14,855	44	24,602	62	6,077	35	4,346
Burwood ...	12,640	128	89,823	170	101,570	76	4,556	86	11,678
Canterbury ...	25,470	446	194,632	541	212,231	198	12,067	240	11,696
Concord ...	6,480	136	85,007	117	80,735	129	17,669	87	13,505
Darlington ...	3,840	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	4	90	Nil.	...
Drummoyne ...	13,580	152	89,549	129	77,173	35	1,789	75	5,363
Eastwood ...	1,420	17	7,290	20	10,025	1	130	1	65
Enfield ...	5,700	94	41,956	86	38,482	56	1,391	39	1,171
Erskineville ...	7,660	4	1,600	2	1,500	10	485	17	3,095
Glebe ...	22,690	23	11,600	9	2,800	22	1,925	37	8,593
Homebush ...	1,040	42	20,785	5	2,055	10	500	2	80
Hunter's Hill ...	5,780	36	23,057	74	39,780	22	2,192	32	4,888
Hurstville ...	10,540	136	60,429	156	49,163	76	4,049	75	6,406
Kogarah ...	12,550	201	81,389	203	82,008	87	7,267	95	3,829
Lane Cove ...	4,950	71	42,186	80	39,611	42	3,264	30	7,001
Leichhardt ...	27,760	87	36,990	82	38,675	94	5,403	98	5,464
Manly ...	13,930	95	88,375	73	50,225	Nil.	...	Nil.	...
Marrickville ...	37,370	113	65,815	212	101,800	81	7,414	77	4,522
Mascot ...	8,680	36	15,755	49	16,620	77	3,204	66	3,592
Mosman ...	16,990	107	94,500	132	92,460	41	5,030	32	3,960
Newtown ...	27,820	15	8,840	33	38,296	46	5,769	46	13,801
North Sydney ...	40,930	147	152,609	152	138,545	176	28,909	75	14,652
Paddington ...	25,870	12	12,853	11	12,606	22	3,650	33	3,038
Petersham ...	23,830	49	31,865	60	39,095	54	4,187	71	5,716
Randwick ...	32,910	522	344,601	555	320,289	140	21,007	151	19,089
Redfern ...	25,010	4	1,500	3	1,800	32	4,645	14	1,445
Rockdale ...	19,900	209	98,420	239	99,104	128	3,145	128	3,202
Ryde ...	9,340	182	87,634	170	74,798	39	2,415	41	2,337
St. Peters ...	10,640	45	19,375	48	17,995	31	1,275	44	1,577
Strathfield ...	5,570	63	37,944	64	47,566	59	5,823	51	1,572
Vaucluse ...	2,510	35	33,801	50	48,588	35	5,384	22	1,905
Waterloo ...	11,190	15	73,345	20	19,427	29	3,066	28	3,383
Waverley ...	27,480	322	168,377	332	172,445	83	10,389	76	9,463
Willoughby ...	20,840	277	158,553	243	123,767	65	4,015	103	4,363
Woollahra ...	20,280	174	161,699	134	128,566	134	28,132	98	24,349
Ku-ring-gai Shire ...	14,340	210	153,155	200	111,790	170	12,785	146	4,905
Total Suburbs ...	658,600	4,723	2,910,268	4,961	2,751,616	2,689	244,831	2,551	233,800
Total City of Sydney	106,000	88	x	90	x	440	x	478	x
Grand Total ...	764,600	4,811	x	5,051	x	3,129	x	3,029	x

x Indicates that the information is not available.

During the month of December, 1917, the number of new buildings erected was 195, viz., 3 in the City and 192 in the Suburbs. The largest numbers were:—Bexley and Canterbury, 14 each; and Kogarah and Rockdale, 13 each.

No. 60.—Crown Lands Selections, 1917.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected, and (second) the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of December, 1917, and during the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1917 :—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

Description of Holding.	During December, 1917.		1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1917.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Original Conditional Purchases	2	722	85	8,214
Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases ... ..	...	...	(29)	8,093
Crown Leases—ordinary	18	15,498	281	268,131
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	38	99,826
Homestead Farms—ordinary	1	1,709	78	56,102
" " for returned soldiers	1	81	81	51,537
Suburban Holdings—ordinary	10	105	244	3,504
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	...	...
Settlement Purchases (Closer Settlement Acts) ... ..	...	...	11	8,512
Irrigation Farms	3	55	23	913
Town Blocks (without residence) within an Irrigation Area ... ..	...	...	16	5
Week-end Leases	3	18	41	89
Leases of Town Lands ... ..	...	...	41	21
Special Holdings for returned soldiers	4	109	93	2,733
Homestead Selections ... ..	...	...	2	418
Total	42	18,297	1,034	508,098

ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.

Additional Cond'n'l Purchases (Crown Lands)	1	40	77	11,060
Conditional Leases not applied for simultaneously with O.C. Purchases	6	1,449	78	20,108
Additional Homestead Selections ... ..	...	...	5	2,234
" Settlement Leases ... ..	...	...	2	4,140
" Crown Leases	5	3,030	72	45,063
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	3	696
" Homestead Farms	3	1,695	45	17,426
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	7	3,086
Total	15	6,214	289	103,813

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

Description of Holding.	During December, 1917.		1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1917.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Crown Leases—ordinary	49	32,933	531	586,469
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	39	71,883
Homestead Farms—ordinary	4	2,200	68	49,467
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	48	37,076
Suburban Holdings—ordinary	1	26	317	4,163
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	...	...
Special Holdings for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	549	14,710
Settlement Purchases (Closer Settlement Acts) ... ..	...	...	8	2,598
Irrigation Farms ... ..	...	...	1	17
Leases of Town Lands ... ..	...	...	1	1
Week-end Leases ... ..	...	...	51	52
Homestead Selection ... ..	...	...	1	65
Original Conditional Purchase ... ..	...	...	2	90
Original Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in virtue thereof	2	507	3	757
Total	56	35,666	1,619	767,348

ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.

Every class of Additional Holdings ... ..	...	...	...	...
Additional Conditional Purchase	1	60	14	5,165
" Cond'l. Purchase and Cond'l. Lease ... ..	...	...	6	5,742
" Homestead Selections ... ..	...	...	1	1,860
" Settlement Lease ... ..	...	...	1	1,140
Crown Leases as Additional Holdings ... ..	...	...	105	83,098
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	3	696
Homestead Farms as Additional Holdings ... ..	...	...	44	21,517
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	5	2,411
Total	1	60	179	121,629

No. 61.—Latest Proclamations as to Prices of Commodities in N.S.W. fixed by order of the Minister of Defence under the Commonwealth War Precautions (Prices) Regulations, 1916.

Commodity.	Date of latest Proclamation.	District Covered.	Unit.	Maximum Price Allowed to be Charged.
Flour (wholesale)† ...	19-11-17	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	Ton ...	150 lb. bag, £11; 100 lb. bag, £11 5s.; 50 lb. bag, £11 10s.; 25 lb. bag, £12 3s. 4d.
" (retail) ...	"	"	Bag ...	150 lb., 18s. 10d.; 100 lb., 12s. 11d.; 50 lb., 6s. 10½d.; 25 lb., 3s. 7½d.; 1 lb., 1½d.
" (wholesale) ...	"	Remainder of State	Ton ...	From £10 15s. 10d. to £12 3s. 4d. } According to locality and size of bag.
" (retail) ...	"	"	Bag ...	18s. 10d. to 1½d.
" (wholesale) ...	"	N.S.W. ...	Bag, booked.	Above prices, plus 8d., 6d., 4d., 2d.
Bread† ...	7-12-17	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	2-lb. loaf ...	3½d. over counter, cash within week; 4d. delivered, cash within week.
" ...	"	Remainder of State	"	Prices according to locality, but mostly same as above.
" ...	"	N.S.W. ...	"	Booked, above prices plus ½d.
Biscuits and Confectionery.	15-8-17	N.S.W. ...	lb. ...	Same as on 10-8-17.
Oatmeal (wholesale) ...	5-7-16	"	Ton ...	Plain, £19; flaked, £20 10s.; 1½ cwt. sacks.
" (retail) ...	"	"	lb. ...	Plain, 3d.; flaked, 3½d.
Wheatmeal (wholesale) ...	12-11-17	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	cwt. ...	14s. to 16s. 6d., according to size of bags or sacks. Various brands excepted.
" (retail) ...	"	"	Package ...	6d. to 24s. 7d., according to size.
Semolina (wholesale) ...	19-11-17	Other places	"	Above prices, plus carriage.
" (retail) ...	"	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	cwt. ...	15s. 8d. to 18s. 2d., according to size of bags.
" (at Mill) ...	"	"	Package ...	7d. to 27s. 6d.
Butter (wholesale)† ...	25-10-17	Other places	"	Above prices, plus carriage.
" (retail) ...	"	All areas	"	£1 per ton above the price of flour.
"	"	Sydney	cwt. ...	First grade, 149s. 4d.; second grade, 140s. 0d.; third grade, 130s. 8d.
"	"	"	lb. ...	First grade, 1s. 6d.; second grade, 1s. 5d.; third grade, 1s. 4d.
"	"	At butter factories	"	Above prices for local trade.
"	"	Other places	b. ...	Purchase prices, plus cost of transport; Booked, plus ½d.; delivered, another ½d.; ½d. per lb. additional if branded in prints, &c.
Cheese (wholesale)† ...	19-1-18	Sydney and Parramatta.	"	Large and Medium, 9d.; Loaf, 11½d.
" (see note).	"	At factory ...	"	Above prices, for local trade.
" (retail) ...	"	Other places	"	Price at place of purchase, plus carriage.
Hams (wholesale)† ...	25-10-16	N.S.W. ...	"	Above prices, plus 3d.
Bacon†	"	"	"	Cloth, 1s. 3½d.; seed, 1s. 4d.; Australian and New Zealand.
Hams & Bacon (retail)	"	"	"	Sides, 1s.; Flitches, 11½d.; Middles, 1s. 2d.; Shoulders, 10d.; Australian and New Zealand.
Milk (retail)† ...	31-5-17	Co. Cumberland ...	"	3½d. more than wholesale prices.
" (for re-sale) ...	"	Newcastle ...	"	Quart, 6d.; pint, 3d.; half pint, 1½d.
"	"	Co. Cumberland ...	Gallon ...	Quart, 5½d.; pint, 3d.; half-pint, 1½d.
"	"	Newcastle ...	"	1s. 8d. sold by vendors for re-sale.
Cream ...	29-5-15	N.S.W. ...	lb. ...	1s. 6d. sold by vendors for re-sale.
" (Nestle's) ...	6-6-17	Sydney ...	Tin (4 oz.) ...	For other purposes than butter-making, or consumption in N.S.W. The butter value, less 3d. per lb., and less cost of carriage to nearest factory.
Condensed Milk	4-8-16	Sydney and Newcastle.	Tin (large) ...	Wholesale, 33s. 6d. per dozen; retail 10d. Other sizes in proportion.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	From 7d. to 9d., according to brand.
" ("Milkmaid")	"	Sydney and Newcastle.	Tin ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
Sugar IA. (wholesale)	19-1-16	Remainder of State	"	Coffee and Milk, 1s. 6d.; Chocolate and Milk, 1s. 6d.; Cocoa and Milk, 1s. 3d.
" (retail) ...	"	Metropolitan	Ton ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	£29 5s.
Jam (wholesale)	24-2-16	Metropolitan	lb. ...	£20 5s., plus actual freight.
" (retail) ...	"	Remainder of State	"	3½d.
Infants' and Invalids' Foods (imported).	9-6-17	N.S.W. ...	Doz. tins	3½d., plus actual freight.
Plum Puddings†	23-10-16	Sydney ...	Tin ...	4s. 7d. to 31s. 9d., according to size of tins and brand.
" (wholesale).	"	Remainder of State	"	5d. to 3s., according to size of tins and brand.
" (retail)	"	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	lb. ...	Wholesale, landed cost, plus 10 per cent.; retail, wholesale prices, plus 20 per cent.
"	"	Rest of State	"	Above prices, plus cost of transport.
Rice (wholesale) ...	9-6-17	Sydney ...	Ton ...	1 lb. tin, 1s. 1½d.; other sizes, 1s. 1d.
" (retail) ...	"	"	lb. ...	1 lb. tin, 1s. 4d.; other sizes, 1s. 3½d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Above prices, plus cost of carriage.
Rabbits, cleaned but unskinned (see note)	17-3-17	Sydney ...	Pair, over 4 lb.	In 56 lb. bags, 23s. 10d.
"	"	"	Pair, 3 lb. to 4 lb.	3½d.; single lb., 3½d.
Rabbits (frozen)	25-10-17	Sydney ...	Doz. prs.	Prices at place of purchase, plus transport.
"	"	"	Each ...	1s. 6d. at shop or cart.
Canned Fruit (wholesale)	5-3-17	N.S.W. ...	Doz. tins	1s. 1d. in markets.
" (retail)	"	"	"	1s. 4d. at shop or cart.
"	"	"	"	1d. in markets.
"	"	"	"	17s. 6d. cleaned, unskinned. Ovar 4 lb. pair.
"	"	"	"	11d. pair, 1s. 10d. retail.
"	"	"	"	2 lb. from 7s. 6d. to 10s.; 1 lb. from 4s. 9d. to 6s.
"	"	"	"	2 lb. from 9½d. to 1s. 0½d.; 1 lb. from 6½d. to 7½d.

No. 61.—Latest Proclamations as to Prices of Commodities in N.S.W. fixed by order of the Minister of Defence under the Commonwealth War Precautions (Prices) Regulations, 1916—continued.

Commodity.	Date of latest Proclamation.	District Covered.	Unit.	Maximum Price Allowed to be Charged.
Baking Powder, free from ammonia, phosphates, and sulphates	12-11-17	Sydney and Newcastle.	Ounce, net ...	Wholesale, in containers 8 oz. or less, 1½d., larger sizes, 1½d.
Other kinds ...	"	"	Doz. tins ...	Retail, above prices, plus 20 per cent.
All kinds ...	"	Remainder of State	"	Wholesale, from 7s. to 16s. 8d., various sizes.
Brant (wholesale) ...	15-10-17	N.S.W.	Ton ...	Retail, above price, plus 20 per cent.
(retail) ...	19-11-17	"	Bushel ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
Pollard (wholesale) ...	15-10-17	"	Ton ...	Cash, £4; booked, £4 2s. 6d.
(retail) ...	19-11-17	"	Bushel ...	Millers' prices, plus 1½d. to 3d.
Chaff, Lucerne ...	10-3-16	Co. Cumberland	Ton ...	Cash, £5 10s.; booked, £5 12s. 6d.
"	"	Newcastle district	"	Millers' prices, plus 1½d. to 3d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	On rail, £7 10s.; ex store, £3 1s.; elsewhere, £7 10s.*
Hay, Lucerne ...	"	Co. Cumberland	"	On rail, £7 11s.; ex store, £7 16s. 6d.; elsewhere, £7 11s.*
"	"	"	"	On rail, £5 10s.; ex store, £7; elsewhere, £6 10s.*
"	"	"	"	On wharf, £6 4s., plus freight.
"	"	"	"	At railway ex truck, £6 17s. 6d.
"	"	"	"	Ex store on dray, £7 8s., plus carriage.
"	"	Newcastle district	"	Other places, £6 17s. 6d.*
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Ex store on dray, £7 3s. 6d.; elsewhere, £7 3s. 6d.*
"	"	"	"	On farm in stack, £5; in bales, £5 12s. 6d.
"	"	"	"	On rail or steamer, £5 17s. 6d.
"	"	"	"	Ex store on dray, £6 7s. 6d., plus carriage.
Chaff and Hay (retail)	"	N.S.W.	Under 1 ton	Elsewhere, £5 17s. 6d.*
Oil—	"	"	"	Wholesale prices, plus 10 per cent.
Kerosene—	"	"	"	"
Companies' price ...	22-8-17	Sydney	8½ gal.	13s. 6d.
Distributors' ...	"	"	"	14s. 6d., 2½ per cent. disc., 30 days.
Retail ...	"	Remainder of State	Tin, 4½ gal.	8s. 3d.; quart, 6½d.
"	"	Sydney	8 gal.	Above prices, plus transport.
Benzine (wholesale) ...	19-1-18	"	8 "	23s. 8d.
(retail) ...	"	"	"	25s. 11d.; per tin of 4 gals., 13s.; under 4 gals., 3s. 4d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Above prices, plus transport.
Cocoa (retail) ...	25-5-17	Sydney	Pkts. ...	From 6d. to 11d. }
"	"	"	½ lb. tin	From 9d. to 1s. 2d. }
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Other sizes in proportion.
Gas	22-2-17	Sydney and North Sydney.	1,000 cub. ft.	Above prices, plus transport.
"	"	Manly	"	4s. 1½d. from 1-3-17 to 31-12-17; thence 4s. 1d.
Tin Plates	6-12-16	N.S.W.	Box, 20" x 14"	4s. 11d. from 1-3-17 to 31-12-17; thence 4s. 10½d.
Glaxo and Lactogen	15-2-17	Sydney	Doz. tins	£1 15s. at ports; elsewhere add cost of transport.
Hides (best salted)	15-10-17	N.S.W.	Tin	Wholesale, 15s. 6d., 25s. 9d., and 62s.
(dry)	"	"	lb.	Retail, 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d., and 6s.
Sulphate of Ammonia	3-12-17	"	Ton	25-42 lb., 11d.; others, 10½d.
Salt	21-12-17	Co. Cumberland & Northumberland	Ton or less	1s. 1d.
"	"	Remainder of State	cwt.	£18. In single bags on buyer's lorries at works.
White Lead	12-11-17	N.S.W.	Each	£20, retail, at works or store.
Cases and Tins (Oil), 2nd-hand, to dealers.	31-10-17	"	"	Wholesale, 10s; retail, 2d. lb. South African excluded.
" to users.	"	"	"	K. M. C., South African, £12.
Scrap Tin	5-10-17	"	"	Importer's, £82; Wholesale, £88; Retail, £96 10s. (£4 17s. per cwt., 10½d. per lb.).
Soda Ash	31-10-17	"	"	Case and 2 tins, 1s.; cas., 6d.; tin, 3d.
Bicarbonate of Soda	12-1-18	Sydney	"	1s. 4d.; 8d.; 4d.
"	"	"	"	£30, at seller's door.
" (retail)	"	"	"	Landed cost at port of entry, plus £2.
"	"	"	"	Importer to wholesaler, in bags, £21; in kegs, £23 10s.
"	"	"	"	Wholesaler to retailer, various quantities, 2½lb., to £25 10s. per ton.
"	"	"	"	4d.

* Less carriage to nearest rail.

† Since 6th July, 1916, the Minister of Defence has fixed the prices of commodities under the War Precautions (Prices) Regulations, 1916. Up to the present he has made orders in respect of Bread, Flour, Bran, Pollard, Soap, Butter, Milk, Plum Puddings, Cheese, Bacon, Hams, Glaxo, Lactogen, Rabbits, Oil, Cream, Cocoa, Infants and Invalids' Food, Biscuits, Confectionery, Hides, Sulphate of Ammonia, Galvanized Iron, White Lead, second-hand Oil Cases and Tins, Semolina, Wheatmeal, Soda Ash, Tin, Salt, and Bi-carbonate of Soda. The prices of all other commodities in the above table remain as fixed by the N.S.W. Necessary Commodities Control Commission, the Minister having adopted those prices when the Commonwealth Government assumed the control of prices under the War Precautions Act. The price of Tallow was fixed at £30 a ton on 5th March, 1917, as from 12th idem, but the proclamation was annulled on 8th idem.

Dates of previous Commonwealth proclamations—

Bread—8-7-16, 10-7-16, 11-8-16, 17-10-16, 25-10-16, 11-1-17, 5-3-17, 5-4-17, 26-4-17, 17-5-17, 30-5-17.
Flour, Bran, and Pollard—6-7-16, 22-7-16, 7-8-16, 9-8-16, 27-9-16, 15-2-17, 17-5-17, 22-5-17.
Butter—21-9-16, 23-10-16, 6-6-17, 7-9-17, 17-9-17, 11-10-17. Milk—27-9-16, 25-10-16. Plum Puddings—27-9-16. Cheese—5-10-16, 25-10-16, 28-5-17, 12-6-17, 6-12-17. Soap—31-8-16, 12-12-16, 9-2-17, annulled 5-4-17. Rice—10-1-16. Oil—17-7-16, 10-5-17, 22-8-17. Hides—16-8-17. Galvanized Iron—8-8-17, 25-8-17, repealed 30-10-17. Cases—10-10-17, 25-10-17. White Lead—10-10-17. Baking Powder—17-7-16. Sulphate of Ammonia, 17-9-17.

NOTE.—On the outbreak of the Railway and Tramway strike in August, 1917, the N.S.W. Commission met, after thirteen months' inactivity, and declared the maximum prices of all foodstuffs to be those ruling on 1st August, 1917. As the strike extended, prices were gazetted for the following commodities:—Meat, 17-8-17; Salt, 31-8-17 and 12-10-17; Rabbits, Meat, and Coal, 5-9-17; Methylated Spirits, 9-8-17, 26-9-17, 12-10-17; Cheese, 26-9-17. The proclamation regarding Meat was annulled on 26-10-17, and those of other commodities on 14-11-17.

No. 62.—Comparative Summary—New South Wales, 1861-1915-16.

	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1915-16.
Area, 809,460 square miles.							
Population.							
31st December ... persons	357,978	517,758	782,080	1,162,190	1,376,199	1,698,736	1,857,920
Births ... No.	14,681	20,143	28,993	39,458	37,875	47,077	52,075
Deaths ... rate	41'56	39'64	37'90	34'55	27'71	28'64	27'90
Deaths ... No.	5,343	6,407	11,536	16,286	16,021	17,179	19,854
Deaths ... rate	15'12	12'61	15'08	14'26	11'72	10'32	10'64
Marriages ... No.	3,222	3,953	6,284	8,457	10,538	15,267	16,320
Marriages ... rate	9'12	7'78	8'21	7'41	7'71	9'17	8'74
Agriculture.							
Total area under crop ... acres	295,917	393,413	583,868	846,383	2,276,528	3,629,170	5,794,835
Wheat—Area ... bshl.	123,468	154,030	221,887	356,666	1,392,070	2,380,710	4,188,865
Yield ... bshl.	1,606,034	2,229,642	3,405,966	3,963,668	14,808,705	25,088,102	66,764,910
Average ... "	13'0	14'5	15'4	11'1	10'6	10'5	15'9
Maize—Area ... acres	57,959	119,956	117,478	174,577	167,333	167,781	154,130
Yield ... bshl.	1,727,434	4,015,973	4,330,956	5,721,706	3,844,993	4,507,342	3,773,600
Average ... "	29'8	33'5	36'9	32'8	22'9	26'9	24'5
Hay—Area ... acres	45,175	51,805	146,610	163,833	442,163	654,149	1,108,919
Yield ... tons	57,363	77,460	198,532	209,417	472,621	728,474	1,573,938
Average ... "	1'27	1'50	1'36	1'28	1'07	1'11	1'42
Total value of all Agricultural production	£	*	2,220,000	4,216,000	7,060,000	9,749,000	20,362,000
Total value per acre under crop ...	£	*	5/11/9	7/4/5	3/2/0	2/13/9	3/10/3
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.							
Sheep ... No.	5,615,054	16,278,697	36,591,946	61,831,416	41,857,099	44,947,287	32,600,729
Cattle ... "	2,271,923	2,014,888	2,597,348	2,128,838	2,047,454	3,194,236	2,405,770
Horses ... "	233,220	304,100	398,577	469,647	486,716	689,004	719,542
Pigs ... "	140,091	213,193	213,916	253,189	265,730	371,093	281,158
Production of Wool ... lb.	19,254,800	74,401,300	161,676,000	375,600,000	310,075,000	371,546,000	262,045,000
Value (F.O.B., Sydney) £	1,408,000	4,760,000	7,187,200	11,059,300	9,072,100	13,264,000	12,291,000
Production of Butter ... lb.	*	*	*	18,302,897	39,056,878	83,204,568	59,631,543
" Cheese ... "	*	*	*	5,506,071	3,838,835	5,460,652	5,979,630
" Bacon & Ham ... "	*	*	*	6,009,600	11,080,891	16,102,827	13,576,641
Total value of Pastoral and Dairying Production	£	*	8,709,000	13,151,000	15,598,000	24,649,000	27,049,000
Mineral Production.							
Gold ... oz. fine	423,209	294,389	135,033	131,654	173,543	181,121	108,145
Gold ... £	1,809,171	1,250,485	573,582	559,231	737,164	769,353	459,370
Silver ... oz.	...	...	...	729,590	448,501	1,767,496	2,801,507
Silver ... £	...	...	...	134,850	50,484	177,095	349,307
Silver-lead & ore, &c. ... ton	...	...	...	147,780	417,078	338,469	249,849
Copper—ingots & ore, &c. ... ton	*	*	4,124	3,484,739	1,803,978	2,265,669	2,935,624
Copper ... £	3,532	11,828	267,884	2,710	6,733	12,100	6,171
Tin—ingots and ore ... ton	...	(2) 12,227	6,433	119,105	412,292	590,102	586,127
Tin ... £	...	...	...	1,657	659	1,929	2,129
Zinc—Spelter, Concentrates ton	...	...	568,795	133,993	76,544	307,089	306,497
Zinc ... £	...	...	...	219	632	516,378	209,741
Coal ... ton	342,068	898,785	1,769,597	4,037,929	5,968,426	1,414,980	961,849
Coal ... £	218,821	316,340	603,248	1,742,796	2,178,929	8,691,604	8,127,161
Total value of all Mineral Production ...	£	2,029,000	1,626,000	2,138,000	6,434,000	5,681,000	9,410,000
Production from Minor Primary Industries (including Forests and Fisheries). } £	*	(*) 400,000	(*) 650,000	(*) 758,000	(*) 733,000	3,250,000	4,585,000
Production all Primary Industries £	*	12,955,000	20,155,000	28,267,000	29,072,000	47,058,000	62,512,000
" " " per head £	*	25/9/10	26/6/11	24/15/-	21/5/4	28/5/5	33/8/5
Land Settlement.							
Alienated holdings—							
1,000 acres and under ... No.	*	*	36,259	46,566	64,950	81,722	84,504
1,000 to 10,000 acres ... No.	*	*	6,628,310	8,827,066	10,673,563	13,669,311	14,551,620
Over 10,000 acres ... No.	*	*	2,646	4,307	5,160	7,803	8,951
Over 10,000 acres ... area	*	*	6,990,312	11,370,329	13,305,738	19,551,728	22,445,399
Over 10,000 acres ... area	*	*	449	677	719	708	722
Over 10,000 acres ... area	*	*	14,073,597	21,884,299	22,638,524	20,185,845	19,284,960
Manufactories.							
Number of Factories ...	601	1,813	2,961	3,056	3,367	5,039	5,210
Hands employed ... males	*	*	28,819	43,203	54,556	82,123	87,724
Hands employed ... females	*	*	2,372	7,676	11,074	26,541	28,677
Salaries and Wages paid ... £	*	*	*	4,772,704	4,945,079	10,051,161	13,413,845
Value of Machinery and Plant ... £	*	*	*	4,386,475	5,860,725	12,510,600	18,211,104
Total value of Output ... £	*	*	*	16,807,132	25,648,471	54,346,011	70,989,864
Value of Production (value added to raw materials) ... £	*	2,424,000	5,025,000	7,799,000	9,742,000	19,143,000	24,927,000
" " " per head £	*	4/15/5	6/11/4	6/16/7	7/2/6	11/10/-	13/6/6
Shipping.							
Inwards, Vessels ... No.	1,327	1,891	2,254	2,602	2,760	3,127	3,045
Inwards, Vessels ... tons	366,235	706,019	1,456,239	2,752,157	4,133,200	6,822,135	6,552,235
Outwards, Vessels ... No.	1,396	2,123	2,103	2,654	2,853	3,146	3,062
Outwards, Vessels ... tons	379,462	794,460	1,330,261	2,801,320	4,274,101	6,833,782	6,574,582

* Not available.

(2) Year 1872. (*) Value of Forests and Fisheries only. Other minor industries (poultry, bees, &c.) are included in Pastoral and Dairying.

Trade.									
Imports, Oversea	£	4,547,813	5,481,655	11,829,007	15,127,641	17,560,207	27,343,428	33,379,698	
" " per head	£	12/17/6	10/15/9	15/9/3	13/4/11	12/16/11	16/8/7	17/17/3	
Exports, Oversea	£	3,690,748	5,452,840	9,753,644	14,620,889	18,210,627	32,161,401	40,975,416	
" " per head	£	10/8/11	10/14/7	12/15/0	12/16/0	13/6/5	19/6/5	21/18/6	
Interstate Transfers, Inwards	£	2,056,256	4,453,412	5,758,005	10,255,756	9,368,011	*	*	
" " Outwards	£	2,918,713	5,808,379	6,554,161	11,323,131	9,140,497	*	*	
Produce of New South Wales, exported Oversea. (1)									
Wool (greasy and scoured) lb.	£	12,745,891	38,323,302	81,906,922	235,470,988	217,285,747	295,315,438	254,633,558	
" " " " " "	£	1,396,426	2,292,522	4,107,715	7,070,946	7,420,119	11,704,409	13,022,576	
Wheat and Flour bus.	£	28,205	8,445	21,699	54,047	5,204,892	14,324,845	11,773,022	
" " " " " "	£	9,570	2,414	5,337	11,683	680,719	2,519,354	3,386,076	
Butter... .. lb.	(2) £	53,088	(2) 1,138,040	402,421	401,690	8,699,817	33,044,324	4,305,927	
" " " " " "	£	2,536	27,415	11,992	17,756	379,341	1,518,993	259,834	
Frozen Mutton lb.	£	*	*	39,369,792	59,948,989	26,443,085	
" " " " " "	£	*	*	382,385	682,027	543,753	
Other Meats... .. lb.	£	11,536	130,999	191,774	194,013	381,768	607,002	435,716	
Tallow lb.	£	58,393	455,352	244,271	292,672	362,631	871,018	227,317	
Leather lb.	£	6,810	83,899	130,417	139,774	347,327	323,517	538,401	
Skins and Hides lb.	£	77,127	38,115	130,277	376,295	431,232	1,145,138	1,307,114	
Minerals and Ores (exclusive of Gold)	£	65,372	248,996	1,214,085	1,392,076	1,893,314	4,072,531	7,561,045	
Timber, undressed... ..	£	2,221	3,990	12,930	44,437	76,124	243,811	142,990	
Public Finance. (3)								†	
Net Revenue proper	£	1,421,831	2,215,846	6,551,134	9,773,332	11,007,356	15,797,136	20,537,835	
" " per head	£	4/0/6	4/7/2	8/11/3	8/11/2	7/19/11	9/6/0	11/0/5	
" Expenditure proper	£	1,529,788	2,666,948	5,625,749	10,215,820	11,008,173	16,137,279	20,806,633	
" " per head	£	4/6/7	5/4/11	7/17/1	8/18/11	8/0/8	9/10/0	11/3/4	
Loan Expenditure	£	409,121	488,727	2,397,368	4,750,167	4,939,241	5,491,103	6,852,179	
" " per head	£	1/3/2	19/3	31/2/8	4/3/2	3/11/9	3/4/8	3/13/8	
Banks.								†	
Deposits	£	5,029,692	7,043,886	20,308,017	35,659,690	33,258,456	57,140,156	80,515,452	
Advances	£	5,704,059	7,668,022	20,935,596	45,068,914	35,068,787	49,916,008	63,031,127	
Assets	£	8,809,829	11,592,076	27,870,483	53,596,259	43,437,559	64,881,499	91,084,505	
Liabilities	£	6,292,179	8,016,832	22,394,316	37,589,764	35,077,832	58,349,554	86,249,398	
Savings Banks.								†	
Depositors No.	No.	13,282	24,379	72,384	158,426	306,311	544,023	872,351	
Deposits	£	615,409	945,915	2,698,701	5,342,135	11,808,710	25,301,338	40,836,747	
Average per depositor ...	£	46/8/8	38/16/0	37/5/8	33/14/5	38/11/0	46/12/4	49/16/3	
" " per head of population	£	1/14/5	1/16/6	3/10/0	4/11/11	8/11/7	14/18/7	21/17/4	
Railways. (4)								†	
Length of Line open ... miles	miles	74	359	996	2,197	3,026	3,832</		

* Not available. † Information for 1916-17.

(1) The exports in 1914-15 include articles produced in other States of Australia. Since 1st January, 1912, the Federal Customs Department has classified all goods produced in the Commonwealth simply as "Australian," without distinguishing, as formerly, the particular State where they were produced. (2) Includes cheese.

(*) For 1861 Gross Revenue and Expenditure are shown. Particulars for 1901 and 1911 are for the year ended 30th June following. Transfers to Public Works Fund and Closer Settlement Fund are excluded in 1911 and 1914-15. (*) Subsequent to 1881 the particulars are for the year ended 30th June following. (*) 1891

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No. 63.—Wheat Estimate, 1917-18.

As in the previous year, the wheat harvest for the current season is much later than usual, due mainly to the excessive rainfall during the Spring. The period of dryness caused by the predominance of westerly winds early in September was followed by a series of monsoonal storms, which resulted in a substantial rainfall throughout the State. In October, also, the rainfall was excessive, serious floods occurring on various sections of the Murray River, and extensive areas of wheat crops were destroyed. November proved one of the wettest on record, and in all districts the rainfall was much in excess of the general average for this month.

The reports from a large number of the principal wheat-growing districts indicate that harvesting operations have been much delayed by the excessive rain, but although considerable quantities of hay were bleached and discoloured, the grain crops have not suffered to the same extent, and, speaking generally, the grain is fairly plump and of good quality. Damage was wrought by hailstorms, and in a number of districts the crops were affected seriously by rust, take-all, and smut, whilst in others there were excessive growths of thistles and black oats. The area which either failed entirely or was fed-off was 108,600 acres, as compared with 391,000 acres, and 53,700 acres in 1916-17 and 1915-16 respectively.

The total area sown with wheat was approximately 3,833,200 acres, or 665,000 acres less than in the previous season, the decrease in area being due in part to the very dry autumn, which rendered ploughing operations difficult. It is significant, however, that the number of holdings on which wheat was sown during 1917 was only 18,910, as compared with 21,047 for 1916, a decrease of over 10 per cent. Other reasons advanced to account for the decrease were noted in my previous report of 9th October, 1917.

It is a fair assumption that the grain contents of the bag will be 3 bushels for 1917-18 as compared with about 2½ bushels for 1916-17. On this basis, the returns now tabulated show that 3,280,600 acres have been harvested for 43,557,000 bushels, or an average yield of 13½ bushels per acre, as compared with 3,521,300 acres, which yielded 36,600,000 bushels—representing 10·4 bushels per acre—in 1916-17. The figures here quoted do not include the areas which failed entirely. The subjoined table shows the estimated area and the production of wheat in each of the principal divisions of the State:—

ESTIMATE OF THE WHEAT HARVEST, 1917-18.

Divisions.	Area Harvested for—		Area which failed or was "Fed-off."	Total Area Sown.	Production.	
	Grain.	Hay.			Grain.	Hay.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	bags.	tons.
Coastal	9,110	3,700	1,270	14,080	36,060	4,430
Tableland—						
Northern	3,720	2,860	1,030	7,610	20,800	3,470
Central	65,630	31,370	6,830	103,830	284,860	38,380
Southern	8,990	3,140	520	12,650	39,300	3,430
Total	78,340	37,370	8,380	124,090	344,960	45,280
Western Slope—						
North	304,710	29,300	36,970	370,980	1,226,510	29,720
Central	550,180	99,180	11,840	661,200	2,397,680	112,380
Southern	701,380	73,120	16,410	790,910	2,939,090	102,990
Total	1,556,270	201,600	65,220	1,823,090	6,563,280	245,090
Central Plains—						
North	11,760	3,580	1,290	16,630	44,370	3,300
Central	494,890	57,150	10,000	562,040	2,153,530	58,760
Total	506,650	60,730	11,290	578,670	2,197,900	62,060
Riverina	1,127,980	134,830	22,100	1,284,910	5,368,200	171,360
Western Plains	2,250	5,770	340	8,360	8,600	5,180
Total, New South Wales (1917-18).	3,280,600	444,000	108,600	3,833,200	14,519,000	533,400
† Previous Season (1916-17)...	3,521,300	597,800	* 379,100	4,498,200	13,282,000	814,000

* Includes 321,100 acres which failed, 285,300 acres being sown for grain and 35,800 acres for hay. † Subject to revision, as the actual returns for several districts are still outstanding.

CARRY-OVER AND WHEAT AVAILABLE.

Owing to the difficulties attending the disposal of the wheat crops during recent years, the carry-over of breadstuffs each season has been very heavy. The stocks of old seasons' wheat and flour held in New South Wales at the end of November, 1917, by millers, bakers, storekeepers, produce merchants, farmers, &c., was (in the equivalent wheat) 3,307,000 bushels. In addition, there were 25,421,000 bushels stacked at country railway stations, Darling Island, and the other Metropolitan depots, making a total carry-over from the seasons 1915-16 and 1916-17 of 28,668,000 bushels, a quantity nearly equal to two years' requirements for food and for seed.

Adding the latter figures to an estimated production during 1917-18 of 43,557,000 bushels, and allowing 15,225,000 bushels for local consumption and for seed requirements, there should be available not less than 57,000,000 bushels for export, either as wheat, or as its equivalent in flour.

The following table shows the stocks of old seasons' wheat and flour held in New South Wales on 1st December, 1917:—

Holder's.	Wheat.	Flour.
	Bags.	Tons.
Millers (including wheat held on behalf of State Government)	598,000	15,440
Bakers and Pastrycooks ... ..	.....	11,561
Storekeepers, Grocers, &c.	16,229	2,654
Produce Merchants	27,896	.....
Farmers	12,800	.....
Self-raising Flour held by Storekeepers, &c. (stated in the equivalent of Plain Flour) ... ..	.....	385
In private hands (for sale)	654,925	30,040
Stacked at country railway stations	7,141,746	.....
„ Darling Island, White Bay, and Enfield	2,051,248	.....
	9,192,994	.....
Total Stocks held	9,847,919	30,040
	bushels.	bushels.
Equivalent in Wheat	27,226,000	1,442,000
	bushels.	
	28,668,000	
Estimated Wheat Harvest, 1917-18	43,557,000	
„ carry-over from 1915-16 and 1916-17 as above	28,668,000	
	72,225,000	
„ quantity required for Food and Seed	15,225,000	
„ „ available for export	57,000,000	

Bureau of Statistics,
Sydney, 2nd February, 1918.

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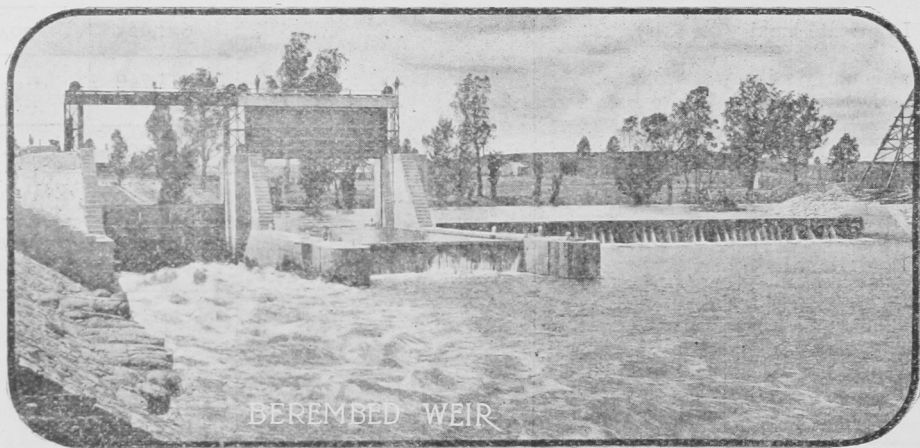
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